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This volume, which is the thirty-first in the series formerly issued under the direction of the Record Commissioners, contains the proceedings of the town from 1784 to 1796, completing the eighth book of the original records of the town of Boston.

EDWARD W. McGLENEN,
City Registrar.

Old Court House, Boston.

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BOSTON TOWN RECORDS.

[SEVENTH BOOK, CONTINUED.]

[295.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legaly warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Fanieul Hall the 23 February Anno Domini 1784. 10. OClock Forenoon —

Warrant for calling the Meeting read

It was moved and Voted, that a Moderator for the Meeting be chosen by a Hand Vote.

Stephen Higginson Esqr:
was chosen Moderator of this Meeting and took his Seat accordingly —

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants to the Gentelmen the Selectmen Sitting forth — "That whereas it is expected by some People that the Town of Boston be Illuminated on the occasion of the Ratification of the [296] Definitive treaty of Peace; and as in their Opinion such a Measure was not only Expensive, but would be dangerous to the Town at this Season of the year — they therefore requested that a Meeting of the Inhabitants might be called in order that the Minds of the Town may be taken on the Subject" — was read — whereupon it was moved —

That the Question be put whether it be the sense of the Inhabitants that there should be a general Illumination of the Town on occasion of the Definitive Treaty of Peace, and the Question being accordingly put — Passed in the Negative by a very great majority of the Inhabitants

But it being the sense of the Town that it was proper that the publick Buildings should be Illuminated. it was moved and

Voted, that the Gentelmen the Selectmen be and hereby are Authorished & requested to take order of the Illumination of Fanuiel Hall on the Occasion

It was then Moved and Voted that the Thanks of the Town be given to [**297**] Stephen Higginson Esqr. for his Services as Moderator of the Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneiul Hall on Monday the 8th Day of March Anno Domini 1784

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d} : M^{r} : Wight

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - - read

Sundry Laws enjoined to be read at this Meeting were accordingly - - - read

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes, for a Moderator of this Meeting, and the same being brought in and sorted it appeared that

John Brown Esqr :

was chosen Moderator —

William Cooper Esqr :

was chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing and took the Oath of Office for the faithful discharge of his duty, which Oath was Administred to him by

[**298.**] The Town having determined by a Voted to choose Seven Selectmen, the Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for that number, and the same being brought in and sorted it appeared that the following Gentelmen - - Viz^{t} : —

John Scollay Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	248
Thomas Greenought - - - - - - - -	184
Nathan Frazier Esqr. - - - - - - - -	166
Ezekiel Price Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	280
Capt. William Mackay - - - - - - - -	250
Samuel Austin Esqr : excus'd - - - -	164
John Lucas Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	162

were chosen Selectmen for the ensuing Year

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock in the Afternoon —

3. O'Clock, afternoon met according to adjournment

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for twelve Overseers of the Poor, and the Votes having

been brought in and sorted it Appeared that only ten were chosen-
Viz^{t}:

The Honble: William Phillips Esqr.
Isaac Smith Esqr.
M^{r}. Jonathan Mason
Capt: Samuel Partridge
M^{r}. Samuel Whitwell
John White Esqr.
Edward Procter
[299.] William Powell Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
Joseph Webb Esqr.

The Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for two Overseers of the Poor, and the same being brought in and sorted, it appeared that

Timothy Newell Esqr. — (excused)
Edward Payne Esqr. — (excused)

Edward Payne Esqr. chosen an Overser having desired to be excused by the Town from serving in that Office he was accordingly excused —

This being the time for the consideration of the choice of Wardens — It was moved that the choice of Wardens be referred to the General Town Meeting in March next — And the Question being accordingly put — Passed in the Negative —

The Article in the Warrant. Viz^{t}:
To consider and determin with respect to a Letter from the Chairman of the Committee of the Town of Wrentham and Medway relative to a County Meeting at Dedham the third Wednesday in March Inst — was read whereupon

Voted, that a Committee be appointed to draught a Letter to said Committee, and to Report at the Adjournment —

[300.] Voted, that Joseph Barrel Esqr.
William Tuder Esqr.
Capt. Sarson Belcher
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid

The Town brought in their Votes for Sixteen Fire Wards, and the same having been sorted it Appeared, that
John Scollay Esqr. — excused
William Cooper Esqr.
Francis Shaw Esqr. — excused
Edward Procter Esqr.
Caleb Davis Esqr.

Mr. Thomas Tileston
Capt. Gustavus Fellows
Joseph Webb Esqr.
Mr. John Lowell — excused
Thomas Melville Esqr. excused
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Capt. Isaac Phillips
Josiah Waters jur. Esqr.
Mr. Jacob Rhodes
Capt. Ebenezer Parsons
John Coffin Jones Esqr. excused
were chosen Fire Wards for the ensuing Year

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes, for a Clerk of Faneuiel Hall Market, and upon sorting them it appeared, that

Capt: John Ballard
was chosen Clerk of Faneuiel Hall Market for the Year ensuing —

[**301.**] This being the time that the consideration of the choice of a Committee of Correspondence should come on — It was moved that the Question be put — Whether it be the sense of the Town to choose a Committee of Correspondence Inspection and Safety the present Year — and the Question being accordingly put — Passed in the Negative —

Moved and Voted, that 11. O'Clock tomorrow be the time Assigned for the choice of a County Treasurer

Voted, that all matters relative to Grant of Money &c come on immediately after the choice of a County Treasurer

Voted, that this Meeting be Adjourned to Tuesday Next. 10. OClock Before Noon —

Tuesday March 9th. 10. OClock Forenoon, met according to Adjournment —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw & bring in there Votes for twelve Constables, & the same being brought in & sorted it Appeared that nine only — Vizt.

Messrs: William Patten - - - - - - - - - sworn
Samuel Smith - - - - - - - - - sworn
Samuel Whitney - - - - - - - - - sworn
Barthw: Broaders - - - - - - - - sworn
Rufus Bent - - - - - - - - - - sworn
Isaac Wendell - - - - - - - - - sworn
John Butterfield - - - - - - - - sworn
George Hamlin - - - - - - - - - sworn
John Jenkins - - - - - - - - - - sworn
were chose Constables for the Year ensuing

[**302.**] Francis Shaw Esqr. having desired to be excused from serving as a Fire Ward, he was accordingly excused, and on a Motion

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto Francis Shaw Esqr. for his long & faithful Services as a Fire Ward —

Samuel Austin Esqr. was excused by the Town from serving as a Selectman,

The Inhabitants having brought in their Votes for one Selectman in the room of M^{r}: Austin; upon sorting the same it appeared that

David Jeffries Esqr.

was chosen a Selectman for the Year ensuing unanimously

The Inhabitants withdrew and brought in their Votes for a Town Treasurer and upon sorting them it appeared that

M^{r}. Peter Boyer

was chosen Town Treasurer for the Year ensuing unanimously

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in there Votes for a County Treasurer, which were received & Sealed up in Meeting, and then delivered to Constable Smith, to be by him returned to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace at there next Meeting —

The Report of the Committee on the late Town Treasurers Accounts, was read — [**303**] whereupon it was moved & Voted, that the same be recommitted, and that

Joseph Barrell Esqr.
Stephen Higginson Esqr.
M^{r}. William Horskins

be Added to the Committee, who are desired to Report at the Adjournment

Deacon Newell chosen an Overseer was excused by the Town from serving in that Office

John Coffin Jones Esqr. excused by the Town from serving as a Fire Ward the Year ensuing

On a Motion Voted, that the consideration of Money Matters, be referred to four O'Clock Afternoon —

The Inhabitants withdrew, and brought in their Votes for two Overseers of the Poor, and upon sorting them it appeared that —

Mr: Henry Prentice
Mr: Jonathan L. Austin
were chosen Overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing unanimously —

Adjourned to 3. OClock Afternoon

3 O'Clock Afternoon met according to Adjournment

The Inhabitants withdrew and brought in their Votes for two Fire Wards and upon sorting them it appeared that
Capt: Mungo Mackay
Mr. Joseph Russel Jur.
were chosen Fire Wards for the year ensuing

[**304.**] Voted, that the Gentelmen the Selectmen be requested to lay a State of the New Emission State Tax before the Town as soon as may be

Voted, that Mr. Peter Boyer be allowed and paid the Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds for his services as Treasurer the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence the first of March Inst —

Voted, that William Cooper Esqr. be allowed and paid the sum of One hundred & fifty pounds for all his services in that Office the Year ensuing as Town Clerk, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence from the first of March Inst:

On a Motion Voted, that the further consideration of Salaries be referred to the Adjournment of this Meeting —

Voted, that, the Committee appointed to consider and Report on the State of the Schools, be desired to Report at the last Adjournment of this Meeting —

Adjourned to Wednesday next 10. O'Clock Forenoon —

Wednesday March 10th. 10 O'Clock Forenoon — met according to Adjournment

On a Motion Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto [**305**] Harbottle Dorr Esqr. for his good and faithful Services as a Selectman for Seven Years past also —

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto Tuttle Hubbart Esqr for his good & faithful Services as a Selectman for some Years past

The following Persons were chosen Clerks of the Market for the ensuing year — Viz^{t}. —

Messrs. Arnold Wells Junr:
Daniel Austin
Thomas Amory Junr:
Gilbert Deblois
Joseph Woodward
Thomas Rogers
Martin Sohier
Nathaniel Gardner
Samuel Gillman
James Minot
Daniel Greenleaff
Simon Eliot Ju^{r}. (all sworn)

On a Motion Voted, that Collectors of Taxes be chosen seperate from Constables

Messrs: William McNeil
Edward How
were chosen Surveyers of Hemp for the Year ensuing

Messrs: George Hamlin — sworn
Samuel Curtis — sworn
were chosen Haywards for the year ensuing

[306.] Messrs: William Sharp
Jacob Edes
Josiah Simpson
John Skinner
were chosen Hogreeves for the ensuing Year

Messrs: John Neat
Jonathan Stoddard
Daniel Brown
William Clough
Samuel Todd
were chosen Fence Viewers for the year ensuing

Messrs. Nathan Green
Samuel Bangs
Joseph Hayden
Stephen Gore
were chose Sealers of Leathers for the Year ensuing

M^{r}. William Dawes Junr:
was chosen an Informer of Deer for the Year ensuing

		Ward
	Messrs: John Brown - - - - - - N^{o}.	1
	Jedediah Parker - - - - - - - - - -	2
	Abiel Ruddock - - - - - - - - - -	3
	Peter Sigorney - - - - - - - - - -	4
	James Cary Junr - - - - - - - - -	5
	Foster Condy - - - - - - - - - -	6
	Isaac Pierce - - - - - - - - - -	7
	Zachariah Hicks - - - - - - - - - -	8
	Shubael Hews - - - - - - - - - -	9
	Joseph Shed - - - - - - - - - -	10
[307.]	George Langley - - - - - - - - - -	11
	Joseph Sprague - - - - - - - - -	12

were chosen Scavingers for the year ensuing

Messrs: Thomas Green
John Skinner
were chosen Assay Masters for the year ensuing

Voted, that the Town will not come to the choice of purchasers of Grain --

The Selectmen
were chosen Surveyers of the High Ways for the Year ensuing

John Lucas Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Tuckerman
M^{r}. John Jenkins
John White Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Edes
were chose Surveyers of Wheat & Flour for the Year ensuing

The Town having by a Vote determined to choose seven Assessors — The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes accordingly, and the same being brought in & sorted, it appeared that

Messrs: William Lowder
Gyles Harris Esqr:
Moses May
John Pulling
Barth^{w}: Kneeland — (excused)
Samuel Ruggles Esqr.
Capt. William Fleet
were chosen Assessors for the Year ensuing

[308.] Adjourned to 3. OClock Afternoon then to meet

3 OClock Afternoon — Met according to Adjournment

M^{r}. Bartholomew Kneeland, having been excused from serving as an Assessor the Inhabitants brought in there Votes for one in his room — and upon sorting them it appeared that

Mr. John R. Sigorney
was chosen Assessor, unanimously.

The Article in the Warrant Viz$_t$. — "Whether the Town will reconsider their late Vote for the Treasurer not issuing his Warrant against Delinquent Collectors." was read, whereupon Voted,
That the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to issue his Warrant against Delinquent Collectors untill the further Orders of the Town the Vote of the 26 of December notwithstanding

The Town having determined to come to the choice of four Collectors of Taxes — The Inhabitants withdrew and brought in their Votes accordingly, when it appeared that the following Persons — Viz^t.

Messrs: James Thompson - - - - - - sworn
Thomas Bayley - - - - - - sworn
Daniel Parker - - - - - - - sworn
Charles Williams - - - - - - sworn
were chose Collectors of Taxes for the Year, ensuing

[**309.**] That Article in the Warrant Viz^t: "To consider what further Measures are necessary to regulate the Market" — was read — whereupon —

Moved and Voted, that the Committee for carrying the Votes of the Town into execution with respect to Dock Square and the Market, be a Committee to consider what further measures are necessary to regulate the Market, and Report at the Adjournment —

Moved and Voted, that twelve Persons be chosen as Surveyors of Boards for the present Year —

On a Motion Voted, that the choice of Cullers of Staves & Hoops, and Surveyers of Boards, and Shingles, be referred to the Adjournment of this Meeting — and that those Officers be chosen by Ballot

Voted, that Edward Payne Esqr:
Herman Brimer Esqr:
Edward Green Esqr:
Charles Miller Esqr:
Samuel Ruggles Esqr:
be, and hereby are appointed a Committee to Audit the Accompts of Mr. Peter Boyer Treasurer, and also the Accompts of the Overseers of the Poor; and the said Committee are impowered when they shall Audit said Accompts, to allow such of the Overseers as shall have Advanced Monies [**310.**] for the Relief of the Poor, Interest on all such Sums from the Time so advanced,

untill they have Audited said Accompts; and they are also desired to Report from time to time a State of the Treasury respecting its Debts and Credits, and on any Matters that they may think proper —

And the Committee are also directed to examine the Draughts of the Selectmen

Adjourned to Thursday the 18th. Day of March Inst: 10. O'Clock in the Forenoon

Thursday the 18th Day of March 10 OClock Forenoon — met according to Adjournment

The Committee for carrying the Votes of the Town into effect with respect to Dock Square and the Market — Report the following regulations —

1st. — That the North East Corner of the Market house be appropriated as an Office for the Clerk of the Market —

2d. That all the Stands be numbered on the Rale

3d. That the Clerk have Tickets numbered for each Stand, agreeable to the number on the Rale, the Market Men to call, upon him at his Office and take their proper stands by Lot —

4th. That the Clerk keep a Book of the Names of the Market Men, and the number of their stands also that he keep a fair Account of all the Monies he may receive from them from time to time

[**311.**] 5th. — That those who do not Apply for a Stand in a fortnight After notice is given by the Clerk, but stop in the Streets contrary to Law shall be prosecuted

6th That the Market Men pay Weekly for their Stands, in Ranges N°. 1. 2. 3. 4. & 5. at the rate of 3/ for their Stands, in Ranges N°. 8 — at 2/ N°. 6 & 7 for Panyards at 2/ ℔ day — The Range on the North Side the Market House for Lemmon Sellers &c not exceeding 3/ ℔ Week at the discretion of the Clerk

7th. That the Clerk follow the directions of the Selectmen from time to time; that he have a reasonable Allowance for his Services — And that the Selectmen afford him such Assistance as he may have occasion for —

8th. That the Horses & Cattle be taken from the Carts and fastned to the Rails on the South side the Market House

Henry Prentice ℔ Order

9th. That the Clerk of Faneuil Hall be directed to settle his Accounts of Monies received, with the Town Treasurer once in three Months, and to pay him any ballance then in his hands —

The foregoing Report, having been considered the Question was put — Whether the same shall be accepted — Passed in the Affirmative

The Inhabitants having withdrawn and as directed by the

Moderator brought in their Votes for three Constables, and the same being sorted it appeared, that

Messrs: Isaac Tuckerman sworn
Nathaniel Henchman sworn
John Turner Hierly sworn
were chosen Constables for the Year ensuing

[**312.**] Col^{o}: Proctor chosen into the Office of Fire Ward, having desired that he may be excused from serving in that Office, the Question was accordingly put — which passed in the Negative

Moved, and Voted, that the consideration of all Money Matters be referred over to the Adjournment — and that notice be given thereof in the Publick Prints

Moved and Voted, that when this Meeting shall be Adjourned, it shall be to the 5th. Day of April next, being Monday 3. OClock Afternoon —

M^{r}. John Lowel chosen a Fire Ward having desired to be excused from serving in that Office, he was accordingly excused —

Major Melvillee chosen a Fire Ward having desired to be excused from serving in that Office he was accordingly excused —

John Scollay, having desired to be excused from serving as a Fire Ward, he was accordingly excused —

Col^{o}. Proctor chosen one of the Fire Wards, for the present year, came into Meeting and informed the Town that he should not serve in that Office —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for twelve Surveyers of Boards, and Shingles, and upon sorting them it appeared, that

[**313.**] Messrs: John Champney
Joseph Butler
Henry Blaisdel
Benjamin Page
Abraham Howard
Joseph Ballard
James Rogers
Edmund Ranger
Clement Collins
Joseph Eyres
Samuel Fenno
Samuel Dyer
were chosen Surveyors of Boards for the Year ensuing —

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto John Scollay Esqr: for his good and faithful Services as a Fire Ward for thirty five years Past —

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto Col^{o}. Proctor for his good and faithful Services as a Fire Ward for twelve Years Past

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to Thomas Melvillee for his good and faithful Services as a Fire ward for several years Past —

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to M^{r}. John Lowel for his good and faithful Services as a Fire-Ward for a Number of Years past

[**314.**] Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto M^{r}. Nicholas Bowes for his good services as an Overseer of the Poor for a Number of Years Past

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto Samuel Barret Esqr: for his good and faithful Services as an Overseer of the Poor, a Number of years Past

Adjourned to Monday the 5th. Day of April next, 3. OClock in the Afternoon —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualifyed and legally warned in Publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 15 Day of March A. D. 1784

Warrant for calling Meeting — read

Voted — to choose a Moderator by a Hand Vote —

William Tudor Esqr. was chosen Moderator —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. "To receive the Report of the Committee [**315.**] Appointed to draught a Letter in Answer to a Letter from the Chairman of the Committee of the Towns of Wrentham & Medway relative to a County Meeting at Dedham the third Wednesday in March Instant" — was read —

The Committee to draught a Letter to the Committees of the Towns of Wrentham & Medway Reported their draught & the same having been considered & Ammended was Accepted by the Town — And is as follows to Viz^{t}.

To M^{r}: Joshua Partridge Chairman of the Committee of the Towns of Wrentham & Medway, and Acting by Advice of the Selectmen of the Towns of Franklin & Bellingham

Sir

The Selectmen of the Town of Boston have Received a Letter sign'd by you as Chairman of a Committee choes by the Towns of Wrentham and Medway (with the Advice of the Selectmen of Franklin & Bellingham) to write Letters in order to procure a Meeting of the County of Suffolk, — to take into consideration the Commutation to the Officers. And the Act of this State granting an impost to Congress — This Letter Sir was laid before a very full Meeting of this Town, legally Assembled and After a fair Debate it was unanimously Determined, to express the sorrow of the Town that, at a time when we have a constitution of our own chusing, and which has been approved of by the World, there should yet remain any uneasy Persons in the community who could form the fruitless design of disturbing [**316.**] the tranquility of the State by proposing the unnecessary measure of Meeting by Counties — There was a time when we were governed by foreign Power, and a redress of grievances could be had in no Other way; but thank Heaven, that time is gone, & gone forever, unless the baneful influence of a few restless Spirits should induce the People at Large by County Meetings and irregular Assemblyes to raise such commotions, as might eventually Overturn the Constitution and again leave us a prey to foreign Power, or what is worse intestine convulsions — If Congress sometime err, we should remember, that being annually elected we have it in our Power, by a better choise to prevent the evil in future; — the same is the case of the General Court, they have existance but for a year; — and there can be no doubt the community at large would be very greatly benefitted if the Towns in particular would exert themselves to put their most suitable Characters into these important stations. — With respect to the subject of your Letter Commutation, and the Act of the State on the Impost, we must take the Liberty to express our entire disapprobation of your intended endeavours, as they seem clearly to us, to be not only vain but very unjust. Why should we wish to keep from the Officers of our Army the hard earned reward they may receive from the Commutation? It was promised most solemny by Congress in the hour of Danger. It was then Approved of by the People, and ought on very equitable principal to be made good in this Day of Peace, a Peace Obtained by the perilous exertions [**317.**] of these very men (in conjunction with our Magnanimous, Allies) who are to receive the pittance, and a pittance it is, when we consider the Money they realise from this mighty boon, will not make good the arrearages of their pay; and altho your Towns, and the Towns of the Selectmen whose Advise you follow, may be Adverse to the Commutation, yet we presume they will not deny the Justice of pay for the time they were in actual Service: If they will raise immediately as much Money as will pay their proportion of Only two thirds of the arrearages due to the Officers — with this Money they may purchase the Amount of the whole, and the commutation into the Bargain. This we think the only way for those who say they

are agrieved to settle the matter. — For if the States were able to prevent paying it (and could be once so lost to a Sence of Justice and honor as to desire it) the Commutation is so wisely blended with the National Debt, that all the County Conventitions upon the face of the Earth could not make the distinctions. If therefore there are any who have the Ability, but want the honesty to contribute their proportion they must set down contended, for in our Opinion it is out of their power to prevent it. — With respect to the Impost, we are of Opinion that if we ever mean to be a Nation we must give power to Congress and funds too; for without them we can never pay our Debts; and without a just payment of our debts, in what other light can [**318.**] we be possibly viewed by the World in general and every honest Man in particular, than that of Bankruptcy or Knavery? The former is by no means the Case, for we are Rich in recorses, and want only the Will to bring them out — and we trust the Latter will never be justly charged to the United States — We therefore desire, as far as this Town has a voice in the County, that the proposed Convention may never meet: but if they should, we hope they will so far consider the justice and propriety of submitting to those Acts which they now complain of as a grievance as chearfully to Acquiesce in them; and that they will then seperate, without taking any steps, that may eventually tend to bring, this Country into contempt; for if they should, we shall be constraind, as in duty bound, solemny to protest against them —

Voted, that the foregoing Letter be signed by the Town Clerk in behalf of the Town and transmitted as soon as may be

Voted, that the Letter from the Committee of Medway together with the foregoing be published as soon as may be

then the Meeting was
Dissolved

[**319.**] At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Boston of twenty one years of Age and upwards qualified as the Constitution prescribes, and legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuiel Hall on Monday the 5th. Day of April Anno Domini. 1784

Prayer was made by the Revd: Mr: Clark —

Warrant for calling the Meeting read —

Paragraph of the Constitution or form of Goverment relative to the choice of Governour Leiut: Governour and Six Senators for the County of Suffolk were also read —

On a Motion

Voted, that the Town will now come to y^{e}: choise of a Governour & Lieu^{t}. Governour and Six Senators for the County of Suffolk —

It was then declared by the Selectmen that no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded and that they propose the Poll shall be closed at One. OClock —

It was then moved and Voted, that the Bells in the Town be set a ringing at half past Twelve OClock —

Persons Voted, for as Governour with the Number of Votes, for each Person — Viz^{t}.

		Votes
[320.]	His Excellency John Hancock Esqr.	560
	Honble: James Bowdoin Esqr.	10

Persons Voted for as Lieutenant Governor, with the Number of Votes for each Person — Viz^{t}. —

	Votes
His Honor Thomas Cushing Esqr.	565
Honble. James Warren Esqr.	3
Honble: Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.	1
Honble: Elbridge Gerry Esqr.	1
Honble: Francis Dana Esqr.	1

Persons Voted, for as Senators, for the County of Suffolk with the Number of Votes for each Person — Viz^{t}. —

	Votes
Honble. Samuel Adams Esqr.	525
Honble. Jeremiah Powell Esqr.	558
John Brown Esqr.	245
Honble. John Lowell Esqr.	253
Honble. William Heath Esqr.	488
Honble. Cotton Tufts Esqr.	555
Honble. Jabez Fisher Esqr.	559
Honble. Samuell Nyles Esqr.	28
Honble. Samuel Dexter Esqr.	4
Honble. John Pitts Esqr.	10
Richard Cranch Esqr.	2
Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.	2
John Rowe Esqr.	4
Thomas Daws Esqr.	1
Honble. James Sullivan Esqr.	7
Honble. William Phillips Esqr.	22
M^{r}: Benjamin Edes	1
Thomas Russell Esqr.	9
Honble. Stephen Higgenson Esqr.	18

[321.]	Honble.	Benjamin Lincoln Esqr. - - - - - -	5
		Isaac Smith Esqr. - - - - - - - -	5
	Honble.	Benjamin Austin Esqr. - - - - - -	11
		Benjamin Hitchborne Esqr - - - - -	1
		Arnold Wells Esqr. - - - - - - -	1

Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as Governor, Lieutenant Governour & Senators for the County of Suffolk, were committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth, and the Sne Pasures sealed up in Town Meeting Superscribed as follows Viz^{t}.

For

John Avery Junr: Esqr.
Secretary of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

The Number of Votes for the Town of Boston for a Governour Lieutenant Governour and Six Senators for the County of Suffolk Certifyed within and Seald up in Town Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

At an Adjournment of the March Meeting April the 5th. — 3 OClock Afternoon

The Comittee appointed to consider of a future Arangment of the free Schools In this Town beg leave to Report —

That they cannot on this Occasion, avoid expressing a Veneration of our Ancistors for their Wisdom, Piety and early Care in providing for the Instruction of Children, not only in Reading, Writing and Arithmetick which [322.] are Necessary to qualify them for common and ordanary Employments, but also in establishing Grammer Schools in which such of them as may be inclined may have the oppertunity of being initiated into a further Degree of Education, whereby they may be rendered more eminintly useful to the Community as they successively enter upon the Stage of Life. Our free Schools seem to have been interested for the Benefit of the Poor and the Rich; that the Children of all, partaking of equal Advantages and being placed upon an equal Footing, no Distinction might be made among them in the Schools on Account of the different Circumstances of their Parents, but that the Capacity & natural Genious of each might be cultivated & improved for the future Benefit of the whole Community. The Institution appears so exceedingly important to this great End, that it must give Pain to every one who duly regards the future Wellfare of the Community, when

any of the Children are found even in School Hours, playing in the Streets, or still worse gathering into Clusters and inuring their impressive Minds to the abominable Vice of gaming by practicing in the lowest Arts of it — Whether such Instances are owing to the too fond Indulgence of Parents — or too lax a Government in Schools, or to any other Cause the Disgrace which it may [323.] bring on the Town in the Opinion of Observing sensible Foreigners will be among the least of its evil Effects, Much depends upon the Characters & moral Conduct as well as the Abilities of those who are the Instructors of Children & youth; and therefore it is much to be wished, that it may be especially recommended to the Selectmen to take Care that no Person may be Allowed to Open a Private School without their Approbation agreeable to a good and Salutary Law of the Commonwealth. —

Moreover the Practice of the School-Masters in instructing the same Children who are intitled to the Benifit of the publick Schools, at other Hours than those devoted to the Town hath a Tendency to draw their Attention from the Publick to the private Schools, to excite on odious Distinction between those whose Parents can Afford the Expence of their Attending the private Schools & those who cannot. — And it greatly increases the General Expence of Education. — It is therefore the Opinion of the Committee that the Schoolmasters employed by the Town ought not to teach such of the Male Children of the Inhabitants as are under the Age of fourteen years, in the same branches of Learning at their private and the publick Schools —

If the foregoing Opinions of the Committee respecting the Practice of the Schoolmasters shall meet the Approbation of the [324.] Town, they will in that case be abridged of certain Perquisetes which they have heretofore received, with, at least the tacit Consent of the Town; and therefore the Committee beg leave to recommend to the Consideration of the Town Whether such Adition should not be made to their Salaries as to enable them to support their own Children & Families and in the Exercise of that Cardinal Virtue, Prudence to lay up for them such a Moderate Overplus, as every industrious & provident Inhabitant wishes to do for his own Family at the Period of Needfulness or Life — But if the Town should think it proper that the practice should continue with Respect to the Instruction of any of the Children at what are called private Hours, the Committee recomend that the terms of Instruction at such Hours be regulated by the Selectmen or a standing Committee for regulating the Schools —

The case of the Female Children of the Town, in the Opinion of the Committee requires particular Consideration, Whether some Provision should not be made for them, as is necessary to render them more useful Members of the Community; especially those whose Parents are unable to Afford them such Instruction. —

The Committee were at Pains to ascertain how many Children do & how many do not, enjoy the Benifit of any Schools either

Publick or Private, Apprehending the [**325.**] Number to be very large also the Names of the Persons who are private instructors in the Town but having failed of Obtaining this Information which however the Committee consider as very necessary to be Obtain'd by the Town they have not been Able to form a Plan, as they intended on this Ground. But they venture to recomend for the present, that the Overseers of the Poor be Authorized, to give Certificates to such Parents or Guardians as may Apply, or who, they may be convinsed, are not able to bear the expence of haveing their Children instructed in the early Stage of School Instruction (and the Female Children of a Suitable Age in common Nedle work) for which no provision is already made, & that they allow such Schoolmasters & Schoolmistresses as they shall direct, the usual Sum given ℘er Week for the Instruction of each of such Children.

The foregoing Report having been read and considered, the Town came into the following Votes. Viz^{t}: —

Voted, that the practise of the Schoolmasters in receiving Entrance & Fire Money (so called) be abolished as inconsistant with that Freedom of Education which was originally intended in the Institution of the Publick Schools and introductory of such Distinction as injure the Minds of the Scollars & tending to deprive many Poor Children of the Benefit of the s^{d}. Schools

[**326.**] Voted, that the Publick Schools be provided with Fire wood at the Discretion of the Selectmen to be paid for by their Draft on the Town Treasury

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed not to employ or Continue any Person as a Publick Schoolmaster or Usher who shall not agree to have the Terms of Instruction of the Children of the Town at Private hours regulated by the Selectmen

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed not to approve of or continue any Person as a Private Schoolmaster within the Town unless such Master shall agree to be governed by such regulations as to the Prise of his Instruction as the Selectmen from time to time shall see fit to make

Voted, that a Committee be appointed to furnish the Selectmen as soon as may be with an Account of all the Children in the several Wards between the Ages of four & fourteen years, distinguishing the Males from the Females and knowing how many of each are under the Age of Seven years, and also how many are instructed at publick & how many at Private School & how many at Both

Voted, that John R. Sigorney } Ward
Capt. William Brown } No. 1

[327.]

Alex^{r}. Hill Major Parkman	2
Deacon Tudor Benjamin Burk	3
Deacon Sharp Col^{o}. Syms	4
Thomas Hitchborn Saml. Austin	5
Joseph Hall Capt. W^{m}. Bell	6
Deacon Newell Capt^{t}. Job Prince	7
Deacon Simpkins John Codman	8
Bartholomew Kneeland John Proctor	9
Thomas Tileston Capt : Saml : Payne	10
Col^{o}. Waters Samuel Ruggles	11
Capt : Amasa Davis Samuel May	12

be a Committee for the purpose Aforesaid

Voted, that the Selectmen require of the several publick & private Schoolmasters in this Town to furnish them within 10 Days with an Account of all the Children by them Instructed marking how many Attend their publick how many their private Schools & how many both. —

It was then moved & Voted
[328.] that the aforegoing Report of the Committee on Schools be recommitted so far as has not been Acted upon

The Committee to Audit Accounts — reported when it was Moved & Voted, that the consideration of said report subside for the present

Voted, that M^{r}. Thomas Walley
Joseph Barrell
Josiah Waters Junr. Esqr.

Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Honble: James Sullivan Esqr.
be a Committee to consider of an Adequate Provision for the Schoolmasters & to report as soon as may be

Adjourned to Monday next being the 12th. Instant 3 OClock Afternoon —

Monday the 12th of April — 3 OClock Afternoon Met according to Adjournment —

The Inhabitants withdrew and brought in their Votes for one Constable, and upon sorting them it Appeared that, —
John Pownall
was chosen Constable for the Year ensuing unanimously —

The Town brought in their Votes for four Fire Wards, and the same having been sorted it Appeared that
Capt. John Ballard
Andrew Symes Esqr.
Paul D. Sergent Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph Clark
[329.] were chosen Fire Wards for the year ensuing —

The Committee Appointed by a Vote of the Town of the 5th. Instant to Consider of an Adequate Provision for the School Masters have Attended that Service & having confered with some of the School Masters & duly considered the Matter are Unanimously of Opinion, the following Sums be Allowed & paid the several Schoolmasters for their Services for the present Year their pay to Commence the first day of March last, to be paid quarterly —

To M^{r}. Samuel Hunt Master of the South Grammer School Two hundred & thirty pounds ℔ Annum	230 —
To M^{r}. Nathan Davis Master of y^{e}. North Grammer School Two hundred & thirty pounds ℔ Annum - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	230 —
To M^{r}. John Tileston Master of y^{e}. North Writing School Two hundred pounds ℔ Annum - - - -	200 —
To M^{r}. James Carter Master of y^{e}. Writing School in Queen Street Two hundred pounds ℔ Annum -	200 —
To M^{r}. John Vinal Master of the South Writing School Two hundred pounds ℔ Annum - - - -	200 —

The Above Salarys to be Allowed Exclusive of what is allowed

for House Rent to those who are Obliged to Hire — Your Committee also beg leave to Recomend to the Town that some Mode may be Adopted that the Schoolmasters may be [**330.**] punctually paid their Salarys at the Experation of each quarter — Boston April 12th. 1784. All which is submitted.

Thos. Walley ℘ Order

The foregoing Report having been read & considered a Motion was made to reconsider two Votes passed at the late Meeting relative to the private Hours of the School Masters but did not Obtain —

The Town then passed the following Votes — Vizt.

Voted, that the Sum of Two Hundred & thirty pounds be Allowed & paid unto Mr. Samuel Hunt for his Salary as Master of the South Grammer School the present Year to commence the first of March last the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due —

Voted, that the Sum of two hundred and thirty Pounds be Allowed and paid unto Mr. Nathan Davis for his Sallary as Master of the North Grammer School the present year to commence from the first of March last the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due —

Voted, that the Sum of Two hundred Pounds be allowed and paid unto Mr. James [John] Tileston for his salary as Master of the North Writing School the present year the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence from the first of March last

[**331.**] Voted, that the sum of two hundred Pounds be allowed & paid unto Mr. James Carter for his Salary as Master of the Writing School in Queen Street the present Year commencing from the first of March last, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due —

Voted, that the Sum of two hundred Pounds be Allowed and paid unto Mr. John Vinal for his Salary as Master of the Writing School in the Common the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence from the first of March last —

Voted, that Mr. John Tileston Master of the North Writing School be allowed for House Rent the present Year the Sum of Forty pounds, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence from the first of March last

Voted, that Mr. Nathan Davis Master of the North Grammer

School be Allowed for House Rent the present Year the Sum of Forty Pounds, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence from the first of March last —

Voted, that Mr. John Vinal Master of the Writing School in the Common be Allowed for House Rent the present year the Sum of Forty pounds the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due and to commence from the first of March last —

[332.] Voted, that the Selectmen be requested to provide Ushers for the publick Schools where they shall think Necessary & to Allow Adeque Salires therefor, not exceeding One half of what the Several Masters have already had Voted them.

Moved & Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to pay the School Masters, Sallaries as they become due out of any Monies in his hands.

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to dispose of the New Emission Money in his Hands, on the best terms he can the produce thereof to be Applyed to the payment of the Watchmen, the Schoolmasters & for the Support of the Poor —

Moved & Voted, that the Committee to Audit the Accounts of the Town Treasurer be desired to prepare an estimate of the Money necessary to be raised for the Servises of the Town the ensuing Year Stating the particular Uses to which the same is to be Appropriated & to Report at May Meeting —

Voted, that Six Shillings ℔ Day be allowed by the Selectmen to the Assessors for their servises the present Year —

Mr. Aron May's Petition read whereupon

Voted, that a Committee be appointed [333.] to consider said Petition & enquire into the Buisness & Emoluments of the Weigher of Hay & Report to the Town their Opinion of what may be proper to be done thereon —

Voted, that
Charles Miller Esqr.
Mr. William Parsons
Mr. Joseph Green
be a Committee for the purpose Aforesaid

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to hand into the Committee to Audit Accompts, a List of all the Towns Estates the Persons to whom they are Let & the Rents arising therefrom, Also on Account of all the Salaries granted the present Year and to whom —

Voted, that all Matters & things which remain unfinished at this Meeting be referred Over to the next General Town Meeting, may be called in May next then to be Acted upon —

Moved & Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to John Brown Esqr. for his good Services as Moderator of this Meeting

Then the Meeting was
dissolved.

[**334.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualifyed and legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 12th Day of April Anno Domini 1784. 3. OClock in the Afternoon —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

John Tudor Esqr.
was chosen Moderator of this Meeting by a Hand Vote and took his Seat accordingly.

A Circular Letter Dated Milton March 22. 1784 and signed Thomas Crain Chairman requesting a Meeting of Committees at Dedham relative to a proposal of some Towns for dividing the County of Suffolk was read

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. "To take into consideration an order of the General Assembly passed on the 31 day of January last respecting the Petition of Sundry Persons in the Countys of Suffolk & Middlesex praying to be made a Seperate County — also a Circular Letter from the Committee of the Town of Milton on the same subject dated the 22^{d} of March last" — and after some debate the Question was put — Viz^{t}. — Whether the Town will now Appoint a Committee to meet Committees of other Towns in the County of Suffolk at the House of M^{r}. Timothy Gay of [**335.**] Dedham on the 22 Day of April 10 o'Clock Forenoon, to consider of the Expediency or non Expediency of dividing said County & to report to the Town at the General Town Meeting May next — passed in the Affermative

Voted, that this Committee consist of five
Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
William Cooper Esqr.
Stephen Higgeson Esqr.
Honble. James Sullivan Esqr.
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid

Moved & Voted, that the Selectmen be requested to Write a Letter in Answer to the Letter Received from Thomas Crane Esqr.

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualifyed and legally Warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuiel Hall on Tuesday the 11th day of May Anno Domini 1784 — 10 OClock in the Forenoon —

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Everet —

Warrant for calling the Meeting read

That part of the Constitution or form of Government which relates to the choice of Representatives — read —

[**336.**] Sundry Laws to be read at said Meeting were accordingly — read

The Town having Determined to choose Seven Persons to represent them in the General Court of Massachusetts to be held at the State House at Boston the last Wednesday of May Current Agreeable to the Constitution or Frame of Government for the Massachusetts. — The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes, for Seven Representatives, and then it was declared by the Selectmen that no Votes should be received but such as are unfolded & that they propose the Poll shall be closed at 12 OClock —

On a Motion — Voted that all Those who Vote for Representatives shall on their giving in their Respective Votes, enter into the Hall & there remaine untill the Poll is closed —

The Votes being brought in for Seven Representatives the number of the same were found to be 402 — & upon sorting them it appeared that only the six following Gentelmen were chosen by a Majority of Votes — Viz^{t}.

			Votes
The Honble.	William Phillips	Esqr.	387
Honble :	Caleb Davis —	Esqr.	373
	Saml. A. Otis —	Esqr.	209
	Thomas Daws —	Esqr.	389
	John Rowe —	Esqr.	299
	Saml. Breck —	Esqr.	335

[**337.**] Adjourned to 3 O'Clock P : M for the choice of one Representative

3. OClock P. M. met according to adjournment —

The Inhabitants were Directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes for one Representative, & it was proposed that the Poll be closed at half past 3 OClock — The Votes brought in the Number were found to be 384 — & upon sorting them it Appeared that — That

	Votes
the Honble: James Sullivan Esqr: was chosen - - - -	314

The choice of Representatives being over & Declared by the Selectmen, it was moved that a Moderator be chosen by hand Vote to transact the Business enserted in the Warrant —

Thomas Daws Esqr:
was chosen Moderator of this Meeting —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}.

To Consider the Petition of a Large Number of the Inhabitants that the sence of the Town may be taken upon the expendcency of an Application to the General Court, for an Act to Form the Town of Boston into an Incorporated City "was read & After considerable Debate it was Moved & Voted, that a Committee be Appointed to take into consideration said Petition & to report whether an Alteration in the present Government of the Town be eligible & to report if necessary a Plan for a Different Police

[**338.**] Voted, that

The Honble: Saml. Adams Esqr.
Joseph Barrell Esqr.
Honble: Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
William Tudor Esqr.
Honble: Robt. Treat Payne Esqr.
Perez Morton — Esqr.
Saml. Brick — Esqr
Edward Payne Esqr.
Honble: James Sullivan Esqr.
Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Benj^{a}: Hitchburn Esqr.
Honble: Caleb Davis — Esqr.

be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid

Caleb Davis Esqr. — chosen a Representative sent in a Letter Acquainting the Town that he has resign'd

Voted, that John Lucas Esqr. one of the Selectmen Acquaint Caleb Davis Esqr. that it is the Desire of the Town that he do not Decline Serving as a Representative —

Adjourned to Fryday Next 9 oClock forenoon —

Friday May 14th. 9. O'Clock met according to Adjournment —

Selectmen a Committee to Act upon Leist of Jurors --

The Subscribers being appointed by the Town to met & confer with the Committee of the [339.] Several Towns in the County of Suffolk, upon a Petition exhibited to the General Court in their last Session for forming into one County Ten Towns in the County of Suffolk & four Towns in the County of Middlesix, having in consequence of the Same Appointment at Dedham on the 22 Day of April 1784 — met in convention the Delagates from the Towns of Roxbury, Milton, Braintree, Hingham, Stoughton, Sharon & Brookline in Addition to the Ten Towns in the County of Middlesex Joining in the same Petition being present & having confer'd upon the subject matter of the same Appointment

Do Report,

That it appeared to your Committee, that the Eleven Petitioning Towns who not in Convention by their Delagates were by no means unanimously, agreed in the expediency of having the sd. fourteen Towns incorporated into one County & that all the other Towns then present by their Delagates were against the Measure the reasons offered in favour of the Measure as your Committee recollect them were, that the Business of the Courts of Justice in the County of Suffolk had become so extensive, that Parties Witnesses, & Jurors we were commonly Oblige to attend at the Court of Common Pleas for the Space of three Weeks together and sometimes longer — that the Travel from the extreeme parts of the County to the Shire Towns was longe & expensive that the Regester of Deeds being remote from the Center of the County rendered the securing new purchases very inconvenient — That the Probate Court being at a Distance from the Petitioning Towns rendered the settlement of Estates under [340.] Administration expensive — And that the Interest & manners of the People in the Sea Port Towns were diverse & disimelar from those in the Country Towns — Your Committee by their Appointment being Obliged to take the aforegoing Reasons under their consideration & Discusion, think it their duty to Submit to the Town their Objections to the Measure of forming a New County in the manner proposed by the aforementioned Petitioners in any other manner at present —

your Committee upon An enquiry into the proportion of Buisness done in the several Countys of Worcester Middlesex, Essex, & Suffolk, find that there are more Actions entered in the County of Worcester, than in the County of Suffolk, & nearly as many in either of the Other Countys above mentioned — Whereupon

they conclude that the Oppressive Attendance required of Parties, Witnesses & Jurors in the County of Suffolk (if any such there is,) arises from some other Cause than that of the increase of Buisness or the multiplication of Law Suits, because the Courts of Common Pleas in the other Countys Above mentioned, do not usually continue their Session for more than the space of one Week —

If the Buisness of a County Court is unreasonabley protracted it cannot be a Cause of dividing one County into several but the grevance ought to be redressed in some other Way as the Constitution of the Commonwealth has provided your Committee find that the Probate Court is Obliged by Law to become Ambulatory, and to [**341.**] set in Various parts of the County by which the Inhabitants receive great ease & can have nothing further done for their Benefit at present unless Countys are created by very small & important Demensions, or the Court holden in future nigher the center of the County, the mescheivous tendency of the one and the Inconvenience of the Other are mentioned in this report hereafter —

The other reasons offered excepting that of a deversety of Interest & dissimerality of manners Apply's alike to every County in the Commonwealth it would undoubtedly be conveniant for the People in each part of the State to have Courts of Probate, Regestries of Deeds & every other office of Goverment near their own Dwellings respectivaly, but as this is in its nature impossible, to render the particular Circles of Juries prudence as small as consests with the Safety and Dignity of the State at large is all that can be done with propriety & Wisdom —

The Particular Countys of this Commonwealth originated, rather from the accidental settlement of the several parts of the State than from any system which regarded the future care convenience or Interest of the People. And will therefore in the course of a few years, when the State shall be more generally covered with Inhabitants undergo such a charge & receive fresh alterations as will render their Lives convenient & parnanent. And should, one or more small Countys be erected at this Period, it is very probable, that a Necessaty of a final, & equal regulation of Countys, may in a short time render the expence now to be borne useless, & Idle —

Your Committee conceive [**342.**] That when a new regulation of Countys shall take place, the prudence & sagacity of a free & intelligent People, wisely regarding the dignity & energy of this Goverment will never suffer these Countys to be rendered small & contemptable for as Goverment is the Delagation of Power from the whole People to a few the weight & Authority of a few who hold the Magistratical Power, Deminishes in proportion to the

Multiplication of Magistrates & therefore there must be in Nature a Line, whilst if exceeded on the one Hand will lessen the Just & necessary Weight of Goverment too much to consist with the happiness of the People, while an Error on the other may render Goverment Dangerous to that Interest it is intended to preserve. —

Should a new County be now erected by the Limits proposed it would introduce a precidant for making many others within the State the consequence of which inevitably would be the Multiplication of Officers & detracting from that Just Authority & Dignity of Office without which Civil Society can never be secure & happy —

Should an Inclination for new Countys be encouraged & prevail, so many wise & Able Men would be employ'd to fill Those places which are incompatable with a Seat in the Legislature that the Publick Councils would not possess that Wisdom & Ability which at this time is necessary to the Welfare of the People [**343.**] And your Committee take leave further to Add, that making new Countys would produce a great Number of Other Officers, whose Buisiness though not constitutionally incompatable with a Seat in the Legislature yet renders them less useful there besides as the Legislature is the place from whence the power of the Magistrate in most instances is Derived, it might be a Question whether there ever ought to be a considerable proportion of Men Clothed with Executive Authority holding Seats in the General Court —

It is true that the Town of Boston stands remote from the local Centre of the County, but is well known that the Center of Interest & Buisness is more regarded by Men than the local Center of Districts — hence while the interior Countys which have no Market Towns or places, peculiar, to Commerce, fix — their Seat of Justice near the middle of their Circumferance the People Inhabiting the Sea port Districts, in this and every other Country, Attend the Buisness of Courts and the Metropolis of Trade, the convenience of which is fully Evinced by the consent & practice of Ages. To Burden the People at this time with a New Tax, for Court Houses, Goals &c — while the publick Debt rests so heavily upon their Shoulders, would in the Opinion of your Committee, be discovering a Trait for innovation quite unbecoming a Country Circumstanced as this is —

Your Committee were Obliged to Observe against the pretented reason said to arise from a Division of Interest between [**344.**] The Sea Port, and the Country Towns, that the happiness of the People must deminish, in proportion as Trade & Agriculture shall decline, that they go hand in hand & necessarily produce and support each other, the Husbandman will cease his Industry when

he has no Market for the Superabundant produce of his Soil, and the Merchant will quit his Enterprize when his Country produces nothing to export; can it be wise then even supposing seperate unconected Interest could exist to take Measures to make the Separation still wider: or can it be for the Interest of the Country at this time to originate Ideas of a diversity of Interests and to throw the Farmer into an imagination that his Country can be rendered safe and himself happy with no incentive to raise more from his Sale than his personal necessaity shall demand — Commerse must be encouraged by Agriculture & our extensive Sea Coasts be by Ships supported, by Commerce defended against the Insults of every hostile Foreigner wherefore your Committee Apprehend that every Step (which tends to Cultivate an Opinion in the People of a Diversity of Interest is Dangerous to the welfare of the Commonwealth, nor is there so great a dissimerality of Manners between the Sea port & Country Towns, as is pretended, uprightness of Heart & purity of Intention seem to be equally disseminated among the Several Towns your Committee beg leave to conclude their Report by observing that in the late Revolution. the People [**345.**] having thrown off their Ancient Principles, & not as yet fully comprehending, the Nature or feeling the force of the New Ones, they have embraced, may be a Multiplication of novelties, be rendered restless uneasy & unhappy under one of the best & most equal Goverments with which Any part of the human Race were ever blessed —

Caleb Davis
William Cooper
S Higginson
James Sullivan

The aforegoing Report having been read & considered it was moved & the Question was accordingly put Viz^{t}: "Whether it is the sence of the Town that the County of Suffolk should be divided agreeable to the Petition of several Towns to the General Court — Passed in the Negative unanimously — Then the Question was put Viz^{t}: — Whether the Town will except of this Report — Passed in the Affirmative —

Moved, — That a Committee be appointed to prepare Reasons to be laid before the General Court why the Prayer of the Petitioning Towns should not be granted —

Voted, that
William Tudor Esqr.
Ezek^{l}: Price — Esqr.
Stephen Higginson Esqr.
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid & that the Report of the Committee of Conference be handed into said Committee who are desired to Report at the Adjournment —

The Report of the Committee to Audit the Town Treasurers Accounts again read and is as follows Viz^{t}:

The Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Town Treasurer & of the Overseers of the Poor & to examine [**346.**] The Drafts of the Selectmen, Report as follows Viz^{t}.

That the Treasurers Accounts are regularly entered in the Books & every charge properly vouched the Accounts, of the Overseers, are likewise duly enter'd & regularly vouched —

By the Treasurers Accounts it Appears he has credited the

Town for Taxes committed to the Collectors -	£9544 ,, 16 . 5
Warrants on the State Treasurer for the Support of their Poor & Expencies at Rainsfords Island	1177 ,, 12 ,, 8
Rents £453 ,, 12 ,, 8 for Fanuiel Hall Market £324 ,, 12 ,, 4½ - - - - - - - - - -	778 ,, 5 . 0½
For the Ballance of last Years Acco^{t}: - - -	2436 ,, 19 ,, 9¼
For Money borrowed for the Almshouse &c -	84 ,, 17 ,, 7
	£14.022 ,, 8 ,, 5¾

from which is to be deducted the following Charges —

Paid the Selectmens Drafts - - - - - -	6436 ,, 6 ,, 7	
Overseers — d^{o}. - - - - - - -	2445 ,, 8 ,, 7¾	
Abatement on the 13th & 14th Taxes —	1737 ,, 10 ,, 7¾	
Loss on £6721 ,, 16 / New Emission Money sold	£1330 ,, 4 ,, 4 :	
Interest on Notes - - - - - - - - - - - -	1057 ,, 7 ,, 0½	
2 Men for the Army & Hay for the Bull - - -	95 ,, 9 ,, 6	
	13.102 ,, 7 ,, 6	
		£920 — 11¾

It likewise Appears by the Treasurer's Books the Town is indebted the following Sums Viz^{t}.

Notes Given before the War Exclusive of Inters^{t}.	£2177 ,, 13 ,, 3
Sundry Ballances due before the War - d^{o}.	1087 ,, 6 ,, 2
Notes given since & consolidated - - d^{o}.	8440 ,, 6 ,, 3
Sundry Ballances - - d^{o}. - - - - - d^{o}.	146 ,, 2 ,, 4
Sundry Notes for Paper Money consolidated the amount uncertain suppose may be	617 ——
due on the Selectmen & Overseers drafts	1975 ,, 8 ,, 3
To John Erving Esqr. Ball^{e}, of Interest —	94 ,, 1 ,, 4
Total	14.537 ,, 17 ,, 7

[**347.**] To discharge the aforegoing Sums there is due from the Collectors & Others Viz^{t}. —

from F. Shaw £334 —	J. Thompson £1423.		Sumner	£1240 —	
Fallass - - 391 —	Williams —	497	Parker	81 —	
Baylay - - 909 —	Thomas —	1264	- - -	6140 —	
Abatements on one year & premium on three Taxes				2640 —	
				£3500 —	

from Ruddock, Savage, Gray & Cudworth £959 —
of which the greatest part will be lost —
Due from the State Treasurer charg'd to P. Farmer
£1047 ,, 17 ,, 3 —
from Tewksbury £70 ,, 5 ,, 4. E. May £51 . 3 - 121 ,, 5 ,, 7
from Sundry Others £174 of which may be rec^d. £110 - - 110 ——
£38,200 in Bills of the Old Emission } rec^d. 75 . 1⅞
10,575 in Bills of the New Emission } £ 6096 ,, 1 . 4

By the Selectmens Drafts it appears that the School
Masters Pay, is £1208 the Watchmen £701 . 2 - £1909 ,, 2
The Town Clerk for 1780. 81 & 82 - - - - 995 ,, 8 . 7
Assessors for 1½ year £597 ,, 13 ,, 5 Treasurer
1½ year £300 - - - - - - - - - - - - - 897 ,, 13 . 5
Mathew Nazro for Attendance on Selectmen, Assessors, Comm^ee: of Correspond & Clark of ye Market } 119 ,, 8 —

£3921 . 12 —
The Committee in part for filling up the Dock — 702 ,, 17 ,, 4
Repairs of the Schools & Dwelling Houses — 620 ——
Lumber, Carpenter, Masons & Smiths Acco^ts: — 215 ——
Glaziers Accounts for Schools & Fanuiel Hall — 130 ——
Pavers Acco^t. for Gravel & Paving - - - - 225 ——
Repairs for Deer Island & Fanuiel Hall - - - 90 ——
Printing Letters &c for the Comm^ee: & Notifications 105 ——
Repairing Engine & Engine House - - - - - 71 ——
Expencies Visiting the Schools, Deer, Island Books, Paper, Ink, necessary for the Hospitals, allowed to J. Warren & Others & Sundry petty Charges - - - - - - - - - - - } 355 ,, 17 ,, 3

£6436 ,, 6 ,, 7

[348.] By the Accounts of the Overseers of the Poor it Appears there has been paid for Provisions and Necessaries
for about 150 Persons in the House - - - £1471 ,, 15 . 7.
for Cloathing & Docters for d^o. - - - - 147 . 2 ——
p^d. Stephen Hall & Others for Wood - - - 417 ,, 8 ——
p^d. for Assistance to the Poor in the several Wards - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 130 . 4 . 3.
p^d. for boarding sundry Persons out of the House - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 110 . 8 . 6 —
p^d. Carpenters & Masons for Repairs & Labour for digging a Vault &c - - - - } 166 . 9 .11

£2445 ,, 8 . 7

In this Account is Included the Poor belonging to the State which is reparied by a Warrant on the State Treasureys and carried to the Credit of the Town in the Town Treasurers Books — In the Treasurers Books, the Account of Powder is Debited £312 & by the Powder house Keepers Accounts there remains only Six & an half Barr^{ls}: & Eight Boxes of Musqueit Cartridges — By the State Treasurers Certificate herewith presented it appears there remained unpaid in the 10th of March of the Specie Tax at 1$\frac{7}{8}$ from Francis Shaw Esqr. £385 ,, 7 . 7 On the Continental Tax N°. 2 £6896 . 18/ from W^{m}. Fallass £1532 . 0 . 5
Charles Williams £1639 . 17 . 3 Daniel Parker £2301 . 0 8$\frac{3}{4}$
Thomas Bayley £1429 . 19 . 7$\frac{1}{4}$ —

These Taxes your Committee are of Opinion ought to be paid into the Treasurey immediatley and that Measures should be taken to Oblidge the Collectors to do it — It does not Appear that M^{r}. Simpkins Col^{o}. Hatch or the Committee for purchasing Grain have yet Accounted for the Money they have receiv'd out of the Treasurey, these Accounts should be immediately closed, that the Town may be acquainted with the true State of their Finances — The Fire [**349.**] Arms belonging to the Town & carried to Cambridge before the 19th. April 1775 & there Delivered out for the Use of the Army have not been accounted for by the State, nor does it appear the Arms rec^{d}: of the Board of War & delivered to the Officers of Militia have been returned or accounted for & your Committee propose to the consideration of the Town whether it would not be for their Interest that the Town Tax should be Delivered to Other Persons to Collect, than those Appointed to Collect the State Tax —

Edward Payne ℘ Order

Boston April 3^{d}. 1784 —

The Committee appointed to prepare an Estimate of the Money Necessary to be raised for the service of the Town the year ensuing, stating the particular Uses to which the same is to be appropriated — Report as follows — Viz^{t}. —

1st. that the whole Debt of the Town for Money borrowed &c Amount to About - - - - - - -	£12,500 —
Interest due on those Debts - - - - - - - - - -	2,770 —
unpaid of the Selectmen & Overseers rais^{d}. 1783 — -	2.070
Total Amount of Debts & Interest	£17.340 —

2^{d}. — That the Ordinary Expencies for the year ensuing for Salarys to the Schoolmasters, Rent for their Houses and of Wood - £1600 —

pay to the Watchmen £700 fixing Lamps £600	1300 —
two years Salary to the Town Clark and 1 year y^{e}.Treasur^{r}.	450 —
Pay of the Assessors & Clark of Fanuiel Market —	450 —
Paying, Repairs, Tradesmens Bills, Lumber for Repairs & all other Incidential Charges - - - -	1800
Overseers Drafts for Supply of the Poor - - - -	2400
To discharge the aforegoing Sums	£25.340

[350.] 1t. There Appears due from the late Collectors

- - - - - - - - - - - -	£3500 —	
from the State Treasurer & Others - -	1200 —	
	——	4.700 —
2d. the Bills of the New Emission £10575 from Rents of Houses, Stores, Hay, Engine	£3525 —	
Markett & Stands	675	
	——	4,200 —
3d. To be raised by a Tax on the Inhabitants - -		8,000 —
		£16.900 —

N. B. The Granary has been improved by the State 6. or 7 years & no rent Demanded —

The Above Sums Amountg. to £16.900 — your Committee have Appropriated as follows —

1st. To pay the Ballce: due on the drafts drawn in 1783 - - - - - - - - - - - -	£2070 —	
the Overseers Draft to Farmer - - - -	1000 —	
towards the principal & Interest of the Debts - - - - - - - - - -	1630 —	
	———	£4700 —
2d. To pay the Schoolmasters & Watchmen	£2300	
the Overseers draft for Supply of ye. Poor —	1400	
the remainder of the Bills are all sold to pay Interst.	500	
	———	£4200 —

To pay the Selectmens drafts for the pay of the Assessors, Treasurer, Town Clerk fixing Lamps, Tradsmans Bills and all the incidentell Charges —	£3.500	
the remainder of the Tax to be Apply'd to make good any difficiencys on the 2d. & 3d. Articles & the residue to pay the principal & Interest of the Debts of the Town - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4.500	
		8.000
		£16.900

By this Arangement Provision is made —

1st. to discharge what remains due on the drafts of the last year -

2d. to pay all the Expence of the Year ensuing

[351.] 3d. To pay the whole of the Interest on the Debts due from the Town &c —

4th. To pay off upwards of £4000, of the principal provided all the New Emission Bills can be sold at three for one

The Committee in order to carry the foregoing Appropriation into Effect purpose the following Votes to be passed —

Voted, that the Moneys due from the Collectors of Taxes for the last year & from the State Treasurer & Others be Appropriated as follows

To discharge the Sums due on the Selectmen & Overseers drafts in 1783 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	£2070 —
to pay the Overseers drafts to P. Farmer in 1784 - -	1000 —
Towards Paying the Principal & Interest of the Debts - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1630 —
	£4.700 —

And that the Treasurer be directed not to receive from said Collectors any Drafts or Orders Drawn since March last in payment of the Taxes committed to them in 1783. except those drawn for Abatement of those Taxes; and their Premium for collecting them —

Voted, that the Money Arising from the Sail of the Bills of the New Emission & from the Rents of the Buildings belonging to the Town be Appropriated —

1st. to pay the Selectmens drafts of the Watchmen	£700 —
2d. to pay the Salarys of the Schoolmasters their Rent & Wood —	1600 —
[352.] 3d. To Pay the Overseers drafts for the Support of the Poor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	£1400
4th. Towards paying the Principal & Interest of the Towns Debts - - - - - - -	500
	£4200 —

Voted, — That the Treasurer be directed to furnish the Selectmen every Month with, an Account of the Moneys he has received & paid on Accot. of the Tax due from the Collectors for the Year 1783 — for the New Emission Bills sold & for Rents — and to be careful that no part thereof be Apply'd to any other purposes than those to which they are Appropriated — and that he use his endeavour to Obtain payment from said Collectors, as soon as possible to enable him to pay the Drafts that are or may be drawn on Accot. thereof —

Voted, that the Sum of £8000 — be raised by a Tax to be Assessed on the Pole & the Estates of the Inhabitants to pay the Charges of the Year ensuing & the Debts due from the Town & whereas the Premiums for Collecting & the Abatements made on the Town, County & State Taxes (which on the late Taxes amounted to upwards of 20 ℔ Ct. on the Town Tax, are all paid

out of the Town Tax & Often renders that insufficient to Answer the purposes intended when the same was Granted therefore

[**353.**] Voted, that the further Sum of £2500 be Added to the Tax mentioned in the preceeding Vote, to make Good such difficiencys as may arise from abatements of the Premiums & for Collecting the Overplus if any to be Appropriated towards paying the Debts due from the Town

Voted, that the Sum of £2500 be Appropriated out of said Tax to pay the Selectmens drafts, for the payment of the Treasurer, Town Clerk & Assessors for fixing Lamps, Paving, Repairs & all other Incidental Charges —

Voted, that the remaining £4500 of said Tax be appropriated to pay the Debts due from the Town & to make good any defficiencys that may Arise on Acco^{t}. of the Money due from the Collectors or the New Emissiond Bills not being Sold —

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed in all their Drafts on the Treasurer to particularise the Appropriation out of which each sums is to be paid & that all their Drafts for Services done since March except the pay of the Watchmen & Schoolmasters are to be paid out of the Taxes now Voted — And whereas it Appears by the late Treasurers Acco^{ts}: that on the 10th. of March theire remained unpaid of the Continental Tax — N°. 2 £6896 — 18

Voted, that the Selectmen be desired to inform Treasurer Ivers that the Town is Anxious to have these Arreages Paid & to Acquaint him to Oblidge those Collectors that [**354.**] are Deficient immedatley to pay what remains due from each of them - The Town will remaine upwards of £8000 — in Debet in Case all the Sums enumerated in this Report are received & paid agreeable to the Appropriations

In Behalf of Comm^{ee}.
Edwd: Payne

The foregoing Report having been considered Paragraph by Paragraph the Question was put Viz^{t}. — Whether the same shall be Accepted passed in the Affairmitive

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock P M —

3 OClock P. M. Met According to Adjournment

The Petition of a Number of Inhabitants Proprieters of the School at the South End of the Town — Read — whereupon

Moved & Voted, that a Committee be Appointed to take this Petition into consideration and Report at the Adjournment what is proper to be done thereon —

Voted, That Sam[l]. A. Otis Esq[r].
Christop[r]. Gore Esq[r].
M[r]. Sam[l]. Whitwell
be a Committee for said Purpose

The Article in the Warrant relative to the request of M[r]. Jarvis & Others for a Compensation for filling up the Dock — again read — whereupon —

[**355.**] Voted, that the Selectmen be desired to pursue the Vote passed Sep[r]. 3. 1783. with respect to settling this Matter by Arbitration —

M[r]. John Marys Petition for establishing a french School — read — whereupon Voted, that he have leave to withdraw his Petition —

The Article relative to a New Choice of Assessors — read — whereupon it was moved & Voted, that the consideration thereof subside —

Moved & Voted, that the foregoing Vote be reconsidered —

M[r]. M[c]Neils Petition read — whereupon Voted that he have leave to withdraw his Petition

The Inhabitants having withdrawn as directed to bring in their Votes for seven Assessors & the same having been brought in & sorted it appear'd that —

Mess[rs]: William Lowder
Gyles Harris Esq[r].
Moses May
John Pulling
Sam[l]. Ruggles
William Fleet
J. R. Sigourney

Report of Committee relative to M[r]. Aron Mays Petition — read & as it stand altered was Accepted by the Town — Viz[t].

[**356.**] The Committee apointed by the Town to consider of M[r]. Mays Petition, to enquire into the emoluments of the Weight of Hay & to report their Opinion thereon, have attended that Service, they have examined M[r]. Mays Books from the Year 1773 to 1783 — & find that he has rec[d]: the following Sums Viz[t].

In the Year - - -	1773 - - -	£114 ,,	8 ,,	5
	1774 - - -	142 ,,	0 ,,	4
4 Months - - - -	1775 } - -	91 ,,	2 ,,	5
8 Months - - - -	1776 }			
	1777 - - -	77 ,,	19 ,,	6

1778	- - -	118 ,, 3 ,, 2	
1779	- - -	102 ,, 7 ,, 3	
1780	- - -	136 ,, 18 ,, 11	
1781	- - -	197 ,, 12 ,, 10	
1782	- - -	258 ,, 6 ,, 10	
1783	- -	246 ,, 18 ,, 5	
Boston May 14th. 1784	- - - - - - - - -		1485 ,, 18 ,, 1

Chars Miller ℘ Order

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to credit Mr. Aaron May ye. Sum of £63 ,, 2 ,, 6, being a ballance Due from him to the Town, 19th. Apl: 1775, which he now stands charged for

Voted, that the Gentlemen the Selectmen be directed that as soon as the New Hay Market is finished they Publish an Advertizement that the Scales for weighing of Hay is to be leased for the term of One Year & [**357.**] that it will be leased to the Person who will give the highest rent for the same & they shall apprehend him to be one who is capable of the Buisness & will faithfully discharge the duty of that Office —

Voted, that the Adjournment of this Meeting be notifyed in the Thursdays News Papers

Adjourned, to Friday next 9 — OClock in the Forenoon —

Friday May 21st. — 9 OClock Forenoon — met according to Adjournment —

The Moderator informed the Town that the Committee relative to a Corporation were not ready to report at this Adjournment —

Moved & Voted, that when this Town Meeting is Adjourned it be to Friday ye. 28 Inst: 9 oClock Forenoon — And the Meeting was Adjourned accordingly —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualifyed & legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuiel Hall on Friday the 21st of May A D 1784

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Colo: Dawes
chosen Moderator — by a hand Vote

[**358.**] Article in the Warrant Vizt. —

"Whether the Town will reconsider their late Vote relating to the Pay of the Assessors & Determine their Allowance the ensuing year" — was read —

Whereupon it was Moved — to reconsider said Vote, the Question being put & it passed in the Affermative —

Voted, that the allowance to the Assessors to be nine shillings ℔ Day for the Days they may set in doing the Buisness of their Office —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

Friday May 28th 9 OClock forenoon Met According to Adjournment —

The Committee to prepare a Petition to the General Court against dividing the County report the following Draught Vizt.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts — }

To the Honble: the Senate and the Honble: the House of Representatives of sd. Commonwealth in General Court Assembled at Boston May 1784 —

The Inhabitants of the Town of Boston beg leave most respectfully to Submit to the following Objection the Petitions of the [**359.**] Towns of Dedham, Medfield, Wrentham Needham, Medway, Bellingham, Foxbourough, Sherburne, Hopkington, Holliston & Natick, Praying for a Division of the present County of Suffolk & the requesting the creating a New one, to the consideration of this Honble: Court & pray the proposed Dismembermant of this County may not be Adopted —

The reasons assigned in the Petition are 1st. That the Business of the Courts of Justice in the County of Suffolk had be come so extensive that Parties, Witnesses & Jurors are commonly obliged to Attend at the Court of Common Pleas for the space of three Weeks together & sometimes longer & that the Travel from the extreme parts of the County to the shire Town is large & expensive —

2d. That the Registry of Deeds being remote from the Center of the County renders the Securing new Purchases very inconvenient

3d. That the Probate Court being at a Distance from the Petitioning Towns, renders the settlement of Estates under Administration expensive —

In Answer to which suggestions your Memorialists beg leave to Observe, That upon an enquirey into the proportion of Business done in the several Counties of Worchester, Middlesex, Essex &

Suffolk, it will be found that there are one third more Actions entered annually in the County of [**360.**] Worcester than in the County of Suffolk, & nearly as many in either of the Other Counties above mentioned. Wherefore your Memorialists conclude, that the Oppressive Attendance required of Parties, Witnesses & Jurors in the County of Suffolk, if any such therein) arises from some Other Cause than that of the Increase of Buisness, or the multiplication of Law suits, because the Court of Common Pleas in the other Counties above mentioned, do not usually continue their session for more than the space of one Week — If the Business of any County Court is unreasonably protracted it cannot be a Cause of dividing one County into severall but the Greviance ought to be redressed in such Other way as the Constitution has provided —

That by Law the Probate Courts is now made ambulatory & accordingly sets in different parts of the County by which the Inhabitants receive great ease or can have nothing further done for their benefit at present unless Counties should be reduced to very small & unimportant Dimensions or the Court holden in future nearer the Center of the County the mischeivous tendency of the One & the inconveniancy of the Other shall be presently pointed out —

[**361.**] The other reason offered Applies alike to every County in the Commonwealth, it would undoubtedly be convenient for the People in each part of the State to have Courts of Probate Register of Deeds & every other Office of Government nearer their own Dwellings respectively but as this is in its nature impossable to render the particular Circles of Jurisprudence as small as consists with the Safety & Dignity of the State at Large, is all that can be done with propriety & Wisdom —

The particular Counties of this Commonwealth originated rather from the Accidental settlement of the several parts of the State, that from any systym which regarded the future ease interest or convenience of the People & will therefore in the course of a few Years when the State shall be more generally covered with Inhabitants, undergo such a Change & receive such Alterations as will render their lines convenient & parmanent, & should one or more Counties be established at this period, it is very probable that the necessity of a final & equal regulation of Counties, may in a short time render the expence now to be borne Useless & Idle

Your Memorialists conceive that when a New regulation of Counties shall take place the prudence & Sagacity of a free [**362.**] & intelligent Peoples wisely regarding the Dignity & Energy of this Goverment will, never suffer their Counties to be rendered small and contemptable, for a Government in the Delegation of Power from the whole People to a few who hold the Magistratical Power Deminishes in proportion to the Multiplication of Magistrates & therefore there must be in nature a *Line* which if exceeded on one hand will lessen, the part & necessary weight of

Goverment two much to consist with the happiness of the People while an Error on the other may render Goverment Dangerious to that Interest it is intended to procure — Should a new County be established according to the Lemits preposed it would introduce a president for making many others without the State, the consequence — of which inevitably would be Multiplication of Officers & detracting from that Just Authority & Diginity of Office without which Civil Society can never be secure or happy —

Another Argument against this Project is that as so many Additional Officers as would be wanted must be commissioned by the Governour & Council it would thro' a weight into the supreme Executive which might Operate in creating an undue influance Should an Inclination for new Countes be encouraged & prevail, so many wise & [**363.**] able men would be employed to fill those places which are incompatable with a Seat in the Legislature that the Publick Councils would not possess that Wisdom & Ability which at this time is necessary to the Welfare of the People. And your Memorialists beg leave further to Add that making new Counties would produce a great number of Other Officers whose Business tho' not constitutionally incompatable with a Seat in the Legislature, yet renders them less needfull there, besides as the Legislature is the place from whence the Power of the Majestrates in most instances is derived it might be a Question whether there ever ought to be a considerable proportion of Men Cloath [ed] with Executive Authority holding Seats in the General Court —

It is true that the Town of Boston stands remote from the local Center of the County but it is well known that the Center of *Interest* & *Buisness* is more regarded by Men than The local Center of Districks. Hence while the interior Counties which have no Market Towns or places pecular to Commerce — fix the Seats of Justice near the middle of their Circumference the People Inhabiting the Sea Port Districts in this & every other County Attend the Business of Courts in the Metropolis of Trade, The conveniance of this is fully evinced by the consent & practice of Ages —

[**364.**] To burden the People at this time with a new Tax for Court Houses Goals &c — while the publick Debt rests so heavily on their Shoulders would be in the Opinion of your Memorialists discovering a taste for Inovation quite unbecoming A Country Circumstanced as this is —

For the beforegoing & other reasons that may be offered they pray that s^d^. Petition may not be sustained —

Voted, that the aforegoing Report be taken into a fair Draught & Signed by the Town Clerk in behalf of the Town & then delivered the Gentlemen who Represent the Town in the General Court —

The Committee relative to a Corporation not being Able to report at this Meeting —

It was moved & Voted that when this Meeting is Adjourned it is to be Friday next 9 OClock beforenoon being the 4th. of June —

The Report of the Committee relative to a New School — read — whereupon —

Voted, that the consideration of this Report be refered to the Adjournment —

Mr: Ballard the Clerk of Fanuiel Hall Market handed in a Memorial which [**365.**] was read — whereupon — Moved & Voted —

That a Committee be appointed to take the Memorial of Mr. Ballard into consideration & report at the Adjournment

Voted, that Mr. Thos: Walley
Wm. Tudor Esqr. Excused
Thos: Daws Esqr. Do: —
Colo. Joshua Davis
Capt: Henry Prentice
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid and that the Committee report what they may Judge to be a reasonable allowance for his services as Clerk of Fanuiel Hall Market —

The Petition of Daniel Sigourney read — whereupon Voted —

That the same be referred to the consideration of the Gentelmen the Overseers of the Poor, to make report at the Adjournment

Adjourned to Friday next the 4th. of June 9 OClock forenoon —

Friday June 4th. 9. OClock Forenoon met according to Adjournment —

Vote, relative to Assessors setting for abatement of Taxes the same as last year Vizt:

Voted, that the Assessors be and hereby are impowered & directed to set for [**366.**] such Abatement of Taxes as they shall Judge reasonable ten days following the Date and Delivery of the Tax Bills (Lords Days excepted) & no longer saving that they be allowed to set two Days the last Week in February for the Abatement of the Taxes of such Persons as had not an Oppertunity of Applying in the above limited time, by reason of their being not of the Commonwealth or any other unavoidable hindrance at which time they are also allowed & impowered to Abate the Taxes of such Persons as may have died Insolvent before the said time —

The Petition of M^{rs}: Katharine Gray Read — whereupon Voted, that

M^{r}. Nathl. Balch
M^{r}. Joseph Russell Printer
Honble: Stephen Higgenson

be a Committee to take the same into consideration & report as soon as may be —

The Committee relative to a Corporation Reported two Plans of a Corporation both of which were read —

It was Moved, that the sence of the Town be taken with respect to the expedience of making any Alterations in the present form of the Goverment of the Town —

It being determined that the consideration of this Motion be refer'd to the Adjournment of this Meeting it was then, moved & Voted,

That the Plans now laid befor the Town [**367.**] be printed & a Sufficient number ordered by the Selectmen to be sent to the House of every Inhabitant by the Constable with a Minuet of the Adjournment at the bottom of said Plans —

Voted, that when this Meeting is Adjourned it shall be to next Thursday the 17th of June Current 3 OClock Afternoon then to meet in this Place —

And the Meeting was accordingly Adjourned —

3 'OClock in the Afternoon — Met according to Adjournment —

The Motion made at the last Meeting — Viz^{t}. — That the sense of the Town be taken with respect to the expediency of making any Alterations in the present form of the Goverment of the Town — was again read, but the impatiance of the Inhabitants for the Question being immediatley put prevented any Debate thereon —

After some warm altercations it was moved and seconded, "that the sense of the Town be now taken, whether it is expedient that any alteration should be made in the present form of the Goverment of the Town — and the Question being accordingly put Passed in the Negative by a great Majority

It was then Moved and contesated for that the Meeting should be immediately dissolved — and the Meeting was accordingly dissolved

[**368.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneiul Hall on Monday the 5th: Day of July Anno Domini 1784. 10 O'Clock in the Forenoon —

Warrant for Calling the Meeting was read

The Town having Voted to choose a Moderator by a Hand Vote —

Thomas Daws Esqr.

was chosen Moderator of this Meeting —

The Committee Appointed by the Town the 4th of July last to apply to a proper Gentelman to deliver an Oration of the 4th of July Instant (in such place as the Town shall determine to be a Most convenient for the purpose) it being a Day ever memorable in the Annals of this Country for the Decleration of our Independance —

Reported

That having met several times for the purpose mentioned in the Town Vote, that they have unanimously made choice of Benjamin Hitchburn Esqr. to deliver an Oration on the fourth of July Instant, who had accordingly Accepted of that service —

The foregoing Vote having been read, the same was accepted by the Town —

[**369.**] The Town having took into consideration when would be the best time to have the Oration pronounced; as also what place would be most suitable for the purpose — It was

Voted, that the Oration be delivered at the Old South Meeting House, consent having been obtained therefor, the Hall not being capacious enough to receive the Inhabitants that attend upon the Occasion — also

Voted, that M^{r}: John Lowel
Eben^{r}. Hancock Esqr.
John Gardner Esqr.

be a Committee to wait upon Benjamin Hitchburne Esqr. and Acquaint him that it is the desire of the Town, that the Oration may be delivered at the Old South Church at 12. O. Clock —

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to 12. O'Clock then to meet at the Old South Church —

12. O'Clock, Town met according to Adjournment —

AN ORATION

To commemorate the Independance of the United States of America, was delivered by Benjamin Hitchburne Esqr: at the Old South Church to a large & Crowded Assembly

[**370.**] On a Motion Voted, that
The Selectmen

be and hereby are appointed a Committee to wait on Benjamin Hitchburn Esqr. and in the Name of the Town to thank him for the Learned & elagant *Oration* this Day delivered by him at the Request of the Town upon the Anniversary of the Independance of the United States of America in which according to the Institution of the Town he considered the felings manners and princaples which lead to that great National Event — and to request of him a Copy thereof for the Press —

On a Motion Voted, that the Gentelmen the Selectmen — be and hereby are appointed a Committee to Apply to some one Learned and able Gentelman to deliver an *Oration* on the 4th. of July 1785, that Day being the Anniversary of the INDEPENDANCE of the United States of America, wherein the Orator is to consider the feelings Manners, and principles which lead to this great National Event; as well as the important and happy effects whether general or domistick which have already and will forever continue to flow from that Auspicious Epoch —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

[**371.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneiul Hall on Tuesday the 17th Day of August A : D. 1784 —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

It was moved & Voted, that a Moderator be chosen by a Hand Vote —

Honble : Samuel Adams Esqr. was chosen but could not attend —

Ezekiel Price Esqr. also chosen but on his Motion was excused by the Town

Joseph Greanleaff Esqr.

was chosen Moderator of this Meeting and took the Chair accordingly —

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock in the Afternoon —

3 O'Clock Afternoon Town met according to Adjournment

The Article in the Warrant relative to Choosing Cullers of Staves was read, and on a Motion Voted to defer the Choice of said Officers —

[**372.**] Voted, that the Sum of twelve pence on the Pound

be and hereby is allowed to such Persons as are or may be chosen Collectors of Taxes for the year ensuing of all such Sums as they shall Collect and pay into the several Treasuries of the Sum committed to them to Collect; within eight Months from the receit of the Tax Books; Six pence on the pound on all such other Sums as they shall have paid in within twelve Months, and four pence upon all Afterwards — Also that such Collectors shall give Bond with sufficient Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithfull discharge of their duty in said Office, and complying with this Vote — And that they will not receive any Premium or gratuity for discounting any Order, Note or Receipt from the Treasurer of the State or the Treasurer of the Town —

The Selectmen having communicated to the Town a Letter of William Foster Esqr. to the Selectmen presenting the Town with thirty eight Glob Lamps to light the Streets —

Voted, that the Selectmen except the same, and that they present the Thanks of the Town to M^{r}. Foster for his generous Donation —

[**373.**] M^{r}. Hermon Brimmer appointed one of the Committee to consider what may be due to the late Treasurer in the room of M^{r}. Joseph Barrel who declines serving

On the Report of the Committee to consider the Memorial of Capt. John Ballard Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market —

Voted, that Capt. John Ballard Clerk of Fanuiel Hall Market be and hereby is impowered to receive the whole of the Rents for the Stalls both within and without the Market Building, and to pay the same into the Treasury once in every three Months

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. "To consider whether there shall be a Revision of the By Laws, and such Additions or alterations made as may be Judged proper by the Town — whereupon

Voted, that the Honble. Robert T. Payne
John Lowell Esqr.
James Sullivan Esqr.
Benjamin Hitchbourn Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.

be a Committee to Revise the By Laws and to Report whether any further Laws can be made to regulate the Market —

[**374.**] The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}: "To consider what further measures are necessary to regulate Faneuil Market — was read whereupon

Voted, that Col^{o}: Daws
M^{r}. Thomas Walley
Capt. John Ballard

be a Committee to Erect such Stalls on the Towns Land near Faneuil Hall as they may Judge useful — and to persue such Measures in performing the Business as shall appear to them the least expensive to the Town —

On a Motion Voted, That the Vote passed at last March Meeting assigning the Range on the North side of the Market House for the use of Lemmon Sellers be Reconsidered —

Adjourned to Tuesday next being the 24th Inst: — 3. O'Clock. P: M:

Tuesday August 24th. 3. O'Clock P. M. met according to Adjournment —

On a motion, Voted, that

Capt: Isaac Phillips

be Appointed one of the Committee on the late Treasurer's Accounts, in the room of Mr. Herman Brimmer who declines serving —

The Articles in the Warrant for the choice of Cullers of Staves — read whereupon it was moved & Voted, that the choice of Cullers of Staves & Hoops be Suspended —

[**375.**] The Report of the Committee on Mr. Grays Petition — read whereupon it was moved & Voted, that the choice of Cullers of Staves & Hoops be suspended

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Grays Petition read & considered — and the Question being put Whether the same shall be Accepted passed in the negative —

The Report of the Committee relative to a new School was read & considered — whereupon it was. Voted, that the Town hire at the Public charge the Schoolhouse mentioned in the Petition of the Propriators, and Appoint a School Master to Educate as many Children as the Same School will hold, he to be paid at the publick Expence from and After the 1st. of September next untill such time as Another School House can be Obtained fitted for the purpose of educating all the Children in that Quarter — and that the same pay and Allowance shall be made the Master as is allowed the others of the Town writing School Masters —

The Article in the Warrant Vizt. — "To consider what measures the Town will take respecting their Land on which the South Battery stands, and the Land Adjacent" — was read whereupon —

Voted, that the Honble: James Sullivan Esqr.
Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.
Samuel Henshaw Esqr.

be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid to Report at the Adjournment —

[**376.**] The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t} — To consider whether the Town will take any further steps with respect to their Lands on the Neck" — was read — whereupon —

Voted, that Samuel Brick Esqr.
Nathl: Barber Esqr.
Nathl: Appleton Esqr.
William Tuder Esq^{r}r
Edward Proctor Esqr.
be a Committee to consider what measures may be taken to preserve the Lands on both sides of the Neck leading to Roxbury, and to Report how in their Opinion, the several parts of the same may be leased to the greatest Advantage, as well as to preserve the same as to render it beneficial hereafter to the Town

The Committee of the Revision of the By Laws Reported — and the same being read it was moved & Voted, that the consideration of this Report be referred over to the Adjournment & also. Voted, — That said Committee be desired to draw up By Laws for the regulation of the Market agreeable to their said Report —

Adjourned to this Day three Weeks being Tuesday the 14th Day of Septem^{r}. next 3. O'Clock Afternoon —

[**377.**] Tuesday the 14th Day of September 3. O'Clock Afternoon — Met according to Adjournment

The Committee Appointed to revise the By Laws of the Town, Reported one, relative to Surveyors which was read, and accepted save the two last Paragraps, and the same was referred to the Committee for their further consideration — also Voted, that
Joseph Greenleaf Esqr: be added
to said Committee

The Report of the Committee at large (as Letters C — on file) was then read — whereupon it was moved and Voted, that this Report lay for further consideration, and that the Committee be desired to revise such of the Towns By Laws which have been made before or since the Year 1758. and if they are of Opinion that any of such Laws should still be in force that they Report the Same to the Town at the Adjournment of this Meeting, and that the Town Clerk be directed to examine the Town Records and lay before said Committee such Laws if any there be as have been made since the Year 1758 — And Report at the Adjournment —

The Committee relative to Lands on the Neck Reported, and the same being read it was moved & Voted, that the further consideration be referred to the Adjournment

[378.] Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to Apply to Ezekiel Price Esqr. the Clerk of the Sessions for Copies of such By Laws as have been passed by the Town and allowed by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace since the last printed Code —

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to Notify the Inhabitants by printed Notifications of the Business of the Meeting

Voted, that when this Meeting is Adjourned it shall be to this Day four Weeks being the 12th of October next. 3. O'Clock P.M.

And the Meeting was accordingly Adjourned —

October 12th — 3. OClock in the Afternoon — Met according to Adjournment —

The Report of the Committee appointed to devise Methods for preserving and Leasing the Towns Lands on the Neck — ware again — read — and some consideration thereon, moved &

Voted, that the Report be recommitted, and that said Committee be desired to confer with the Persons whose Land is connected with this Report, and that the Committee be desired to consider and Report another Plan for the more [379.] speedy preservation of the Neck —

One gentelman of the Committee for revising By Laws — Reported that the Committee were not ready to Report, whereupon it was moved and

Voted, that said Committee be directed to make — Application to the General Court for larger Powers in the making of By Laws —

Moved & Voted, that all Matters unfinished at this Meeting be referred-over to the next General Town Meeting that may be called —

Then the Meeting was
dessolved

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuiel Hall on Tuesday the 11th Day of January A.D. 1785 — 3 O. Clock Afternoon —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

The Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr. was chosen Moderator of this Meeting by a hand Vote —

The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. To consider "& make answer to a Petition [**380.**] of thirteen Towns in this Commonwealth for repealing or altering the Act of the General Court, for regulating the Market in Boston" was read. — On a Motion, the Act of the General Court was also read. — whereupon, the Question was put Viz^{t}. — Whether it be the sense of the Town that said Act should be Repealed — passed in the Affirmative —

It was then Moved & Voted, that the Gentelmen the Selectmen together with the Honble: Robert Treat Payne Esqr: Mr. Thomas Walley & Joseph Greenleaf Esqr: be a Committee to make Answer to the Petition referred to —

On a Motion Voted, that there shall be an Adjournment of the present Meeting

Voted, that the Committee aforenamed be directed to make Report at the Adjournment of this Meeting, the draught of an Answer to the Petition aforesaid, as also to lay before the Town at the same time an Account of what Moneys have been collected for stands, without. the Market — And that the Clerk of the Market be instructed to furnish the Said Committee with an Account of all the Moneys which has been collected by him without the Market House —

Voted, that when this Meeting is [**381.**] Adjourned, it shall be to Tuesday the 18th of January Ins^{t}. 3. O.Clock in the Afternoon —

And the Meeting was accordingly Adjourned —

Met According to Adjournment Tuesday the 18th of January 3. O'Clock P: M:

A Motion was made & the Question put. Viz^{t}. —. Whether the consideration of those Matters unfinished at the March Meeting which stood referred over to this Meeting be further referred to the Next Town Meeting — Passed in the Affirmative

The Committee Appointed to prepare an Answer to the Petition of thirteen Towns in this Commonwealth for repealing or altering the Act of the General Court for regulating the Market in Boston — Report as follows Viz^{t}. —

To the Honble Senate & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled at Boston — January 1785 —

The Town of Boston having been favor'd through the medium of their Selectmen with a Copy of the Petition of the Towns of Roxbury, Braintree & Other Towns, respecting the Honourable Court either to repeal or alter a late Law relative to the Market in Boston and have also been notified to Appear before the next said Court to make Answer to said Petition [**382.**] if they see Cause, in consequence of which Notification the said Town of Boston by their Committee Viz^{t}: the Selectmen appear & beg leave to take notice of the Reasons given in the said Petition why the said Law should be repealed or altered —

In the first place the Petitioners say that *Considerable* Sums of Money have been demanded for the *Inconsiderable* priviledge of standing on the same "that is the Market ground" this they deem to be contrary to that freedom of appropriating their own Towns properity by their own consent & consequently unconstitutional and Oppressive —

In Answer to which we say that whatsoever Sums have been demanded, but a trifle has been paid even not sufficient to pay the daily expence of the Market, But that this Demand is contrary to the Intent of the Legislature, doth not appear, if we are to Judge by a fair and candid perusal of the Market Law, and to say that paying Money for a priviledge (as they own it to be in their Petition) is contrary to that freedom of *Appropriating* their own "properity by their own consent, & unconstitutional and "oppressive," is as we conceive contrary to common Sense, If they enjoy a *Priviledge* its fit they should pay for it, to procure them this *Priviledge* the Town have been at the [**383.**] Expence of near two Thousand Pounds in filling up the Docke and are annually at the expence of a Clerk to accomodate the Market Men & a Labourer, who *every Day* after the Market is over, clears away the Dung & rubish better to accomodate them, Their own Properity they dispose of as they please, & do what they will with their money when received & how this can be deem'd unconstitutional, or oppressive cannot be concived but by the Framers of said Petition

The next thing the Petitioners complain of is being restrained from standing more than half an "houre in any public place or Street, in Boston under "the penalty of two Shillings for every offence "which they concieve to be an abridgment of that Liberty which every good Citizen ought to enjoy," — All that need be said in answer to this is, that by the paragraph referred to instead of *Abridging* it is an enlargement of their liberty — before the Law, Teams, Carts, Trucks, Chaise &c Standing a less space of time in the Street, road or high way would be deem'd a common Nuisance & might be punish'd as such 'tis a Priviledge that no Inhabitant of this Commonwealth either in Boston or in any other Town is allowed. —

The Petitioners also complain of it as a hardship that *Common Street* is set a part as a market place for the sale of Hay, Wood &c — Instead of a greivance this is another Priviledge, there they

may stand all Day, without being liable to be presented [**384.**] for obstructing the road, as an Inhabitant of Boston might be. —

We have this further to say Viz^{t}: that the Law which they complain of doth not Compel them either to go into *Common Street* with their Lumber or the Market with their Provisions, it leaves them at free Liberty to pass and repass, thro' all the Streets in Boston so as they do not Obstruct the passage or make it inconvenient for other passangers thus it appears that their Blood & Treasure "has not in this respect been spent in vain —

We know of no Jealousy or Cause of Jealousy subsisting between Town & Country; We are one People, Brothers; our Interests are one; and to convince our Friends in the Country, especially those in the Petitiononing Towns, that we wish to live in perfect Harmony with them, we shall make no oppositions to a Motion for a Total repeal of this Act which they complain off however mistaken we think they have been in the construction of it. —

It was then moved and Voted, that the Town do accept of this Report, and that the s^{d}: Committee Viz^{t}. "The Gentelmen the Selectmen & the Honble: Robert T. Payne Esqr. M^{r}. Thomas Walley and Joseph Greenleaf Esqr. be and hereby are instructed to lay the Same before the General Court as the Answer of the Town to the Petition aforesaid

Then the Meeting was dissolved

[**385.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Thursday the 10th Day of February Anno Domini 1785. 3. O'Clock P. M.

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.
chosen Moderator of this Meeting, by a hand Vote —

The Petition for calling the Meeting Signed by five hundred of the Inhabitants was read

The 1st. Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. — "To consider & determine (on the request of a Number of the Inhabitants) Whether the Town will prefer a Petition to the Honourable the General Court, that the Petition of Thomas Russel Esqr. & Others, who pray for liberty to build a *Bridge* over Charles River where the Ferry between Charlestown & Boston is now kept' — may be granted" was read and considered, whereupon the Question was put Viz^{t}: — Whether such a Petition shall be preferred to the

General Court — Passed in the Affirmative, with but two Dissentients there being 1300 Voters present —

[386.] The 2d: Article in the Warrant Vizt. "Whether the Town will give *Instructions* to their Representatives to support & use their endeavours to have the same Petition granted" — was read, and the Question being accordingly put — Passed in the Affermative unanimousley

Voted, that Benja. Hitchbourn Esqr.
Honble: John Lowel Esqr.
William Tudor Esqr.
Honble: Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Thomas Dawes, Jur. Esqr.
be and hereby are appointed a Committee to prepare a Draught of a Petition accordingly

Moved & Voted, that all matters referred over to this Meeting be referred to the Annual Meeting in March next —

The aforegoing Committee Reported the Draught of a Petition to the General Court as directed; and the same having been read the Question was put — "Whether the Town do approve of the same — Passed in the Affirmative unanimously —

Moved & Voted, that said Petition be signed by the Town Clerk in the Name & behalf of the Town — and that he hand in the same to the Gentelmen who Represent this Town in the General Court — also

[387.] Voted, that the Town Clerk serve each of said Gentelmen with an Attested Copy of the aforegoing Instructions for the Support of said Petition

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified, and legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 14th Day of March — A:M

Prayer was made by the Revd. Mr. Eckley

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Sundry Laws enjoined to be read at this Meeting — were accordingly read —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for a Moderator of this Meeting, and the same being brought in and sorted it, appeared that the

Honble: Stephen Higginson Esqr.

was, chosen Moderator —

William Cooper Esqr.

was chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing and took the Oath of Office for the faithful discharge of his Duty which Oath was Administered to him by M^{r}. Justice Price —

[388.] The Town having determined by a Vote to choose nine Selectmen, the Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for that number, and the same brought in and sorted, it Appeared that the following Gentelmen —Viz^{t}.

John Scollay Esqr.
Nathan Frazier Esqr. declines serving
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Capt. William Mackay
Tuttle Hubbart Esqr.
John Brown Esqr.
M^{r}. Bossinger Foster — declines serving
Capt. Edward Tyler
Capt. Amasa Davis

were chosen Selectmen for the Year ensuing

On a Motion Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto Deacon Thomas Greenough, for his faithful Services as a Selectman a Number of years past

On a Motion Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto David Jeffries Esqr. for his faithful Services as a Selectman a number of years past —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for twelve Overseers of the Poor, and the Votes having been brought in and Sorted, it Appear'd that —

[389.] The Honble: William Phillips Esqr.
Isaac Smith Esqr.
M^{r}. Jonathan Mason
M^{r}. Samuel Whitwell
John White Esqr.
Edward Proctor Esqr.
William Powell Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
Joseph Webb Esqr.
M^{r}. Henry Prentice
M^{r}. Jon^{a}: L. Austin
M^{r}. Samuel Parkman

were chosen Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Sixteen Fire-Wards; and the same being brought in and Sorted it Appeared

On a Motion Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto Capt. Samuel Partridge for his faithful Services as an Overseer of the Poor a Number of years past

Adjourned to 3 : OClock in the Afternoon

3 : OClock Afternoon met according to Adjournment —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Sixteen Fire-Wards; and the same having been brouhgt in & Sorted it Appeared that —

[**390.**] William Cooper, Esqr.
Edward Procter Esqr.
M^{r}. Thomas Tileston
Capt. Gustavus Fellows
M^{r}. John Lowell
Andrew Syms Esqr.
Capt. John Ballard
M^{r}. John Wintroop
Thomas Melville Esqr.
Capt. Isaac Phillips
Col^{o}. Jabez Hatch
M^{r}. Jacob Rhoades
M^{r}. Joseph Clark
Major Robert Davis
Samuel Brick Esqr.
M^{r}. Henry Bass

were chosen Fire Wards for the Year ensuing

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for a Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, and upon sorting them it Appeared, that

M^{r}. Matthew Nazro

was chosen Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market for the Year ensuing

To Morrow 10. OClock Fore Noon assigned for coming to the choice of a County Treasuerer —

On a Motion Voted, that the choice of Wardens be postponed —

[**391.**] The Inhabitants withdrew & brought in their Votes for a Town Treasurer, and upon sorting them it Appeared that —

M^{r}. Peter Boyer

was chosen Town Treasurer for the Year ensuing unanimously —

On a Motion Voted, that Collectors of Taxes be chosen seperate from Constables —

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for twelve Constables, and the same being sorted it Appeared that the following Persons were chosen Viz^{t}.

Messrs: John Lampson	
John Pownal - - - - - - - - -	sworn
Nathaniel Henchman	d^{o}.
Samuel Whitney	
Samuel Smith —	Sworn
George Hamlin	
Isaac Wendell - - - - - - - - -	Sworn
Francis Booth - - - - - - - - -	Sworn
George Butterfield - - - - - - -	(excused)
John T. Hurley - - - - - - - -	Sworn
William Patten - - - - - - - -	Sworn
Moses Bass - - - - - - - - - -	(excused)

Adjourned to to Morrow Morning 10. O'Clock —

Tuesday March 15th. 10-OClock in the Forenoon — met according to Adjournment

[**392.**] The following Persons were chosen Clerks of the Market for the year ensuing Viz^{t}.

Capt: William Donnison	sworn
M^{r}. Benjamin Cutler	sworn
M^{r}. Thomas L. Winthrop	
M^{r}. John Erving ———	sworn
M^{r}. Benjamin Austin Ju^{r}.	
M^{r}. Samuel Blag —	sworn
M^{r}. John Marston Junr.	
M^{r}. Thomas W Russell	sworn
M^{r}. John Goreham Rogers	sworn
M^{r}. Syluester Bourn	sworn
M^{r}. William Fisher —	sworn
M^{r}. David Spear Ju^{r}. —	sworn

Capt. William McNeil	
Edward How —	sworn

were chosen Surveyors of Hemp for the ensuing Year —

Messrs: George Hamlin	sworn
Samuel Curtis —	sworn

were chosen Haywards for the Year ensuing

Messrs: William Sharp
Jacob Edes
Josiah Simpson
John Skinner

were chosen Hogreeves for the Year ensuing

Messrs: John Neat
Jonathan Stoddard

	Andrew Townsend Ju^{r}.	Sworn
[393.]	Benjamin White —	sworn
	William Todd	

were chose Fence Viewers for the ensuing Year

Messrs:	Nathan Green	(delines)
	James Bruce —	sworn
	James Williams - - -	sworn
	Samuel Bangs - - - -	sworn

were chose Sealers of Leather for the year ensuing —

M^{r}. William Daws Junr
was chosen an Informer of Deer for the year ensuing

Messrs: Thomas Green
John Skinner
were chose Assay Masters for the year ensuing

The Selectmen
were chose Surveyors of High Ways for the Year ensuing —

John Lucas Esqr
John Jenkins
M^{r}. Edward Tuckerman
John White Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Edes
were chosen Surveyers of Wheat & Flour for the Year ensuing —

Messrs: Isaac Tuckerman sworn
Jacob Goold sworn
where chose Constables for the Year ensuing

				Ward
[394.]	Messrs.	Jonathan Farnum - - - - - -		N° 1
		Thomas Bradford - - - - - -	2	Sworn
		Nathaniel Hill - - - - - - -	3	
		Benjamin Henderson - - - - -	4	
		Jacob Edes - - - - - - - - -	5	
		Benjamin Curtis - - - - - - -	6	
		William Breed - - - - - - -	7	
		Jasiah Simpson - - - - - - -	8	Sworn
		William Rogers - - - - - - -	9	sworn
		Adam Colson - - - - - - - -	10	
		William Sharp - - - - - - -	11	sworn
		Ephraim Thayer - - - - - - -	12	

were chose Scavingers for the year ensuing

Voted, that the Sum of twelve pence on the Pound be and hereby is allowed to Such Persons as are or may be chosen Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing, for all such Sums as they shall Collect and pay into the several Treasuries of the Sum com-

mitted to them to Collect within eight Months from the Receit of the Tax Books; six pence on the Pound on all such Other Sums as they shall so have paid in within twelve Months and four pence upon all Afterwards — Also that such Collectors shall give Bond with Sufficient Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of their Duty in said Office and complying [**395.**] with this Vote; and that they will not receive any Premium or Gratuity for discounting any Order Note or Recepts from the Treasurer of the State or the Treasurer of the Town —

On a Motion Voted, that the Allowance to the Assessors be seven shillings & Six Pence ℔ Day for the time they may sit in doing the Business of their Office

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto Nathan Frazier Esqr. for his faithful Services as a Selectman for a Number of years past

Voted, that the Assessors be and hereby are impowered and directed to set for Such Abatement of Taxes as they shall Judge reasonable, ten Days following the date & delivery of the Tax Bill (Lord Days excepted) and no longer saving that they be allowed to set two Days the last Week in February for the Abatement of the Taxes of such Persons as had not an Oppertunity of Applying in the Above limitted time, by reason of their being out of the Commonwealth, or any other unavoidable hindrance; at which time they are also allowed and impowered to Abate the Taxes of such Persons as may have died Insolvent before the said time —

[**396.**] Voted, that Edward Payne Esqr.
Edward Green Esqr.
Joseph Russel Esqr.
William Parsons
Samuel Ruggles Esqr.
be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to Audit the Accompts of M^{r}. Peter Boyer Treasurer and also the Accompts of the Overseers of the Poor; and the said Committee are impowered when they shall Audit said Accompts, allow such of the Overseers of the Poor as shall have Advanced Monies for the Relief of the Poor Interest on all such Sums from the time so Advanced, untill they have Audited said Accompts and they are also desired to Report from time to time a State of the Treasury respecting its Debts and Credits, and on any matters, that they may think proper —

And the Committee are also directed to examine the Draught of the Selectmen

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for twelve Surveyers of Boards & Shingles; and upon sorting them it appeared, that

[397.] Messrs: John Champney - - - - - - - - sworn
Joseph Butler - - - - - - - - - d°.
Henry Blaisdel - - - - - - - - d°.
Benjamin Page - - - - - - - - d°.
Abraham Howard - - - - - - - d°.
James Rogers - - - - - - - - d°.
Joshua Bently - - - - - - - - d°.
Joseph Eyres - - - - - - - - - d°.
Clement Collins - - - - - - - - d°.
Samuel Dyer - - - - - - - - - d°.
Samuel Fenno - - - - - - - - d°.
Edmund Ranger - - - - - - - - d°.
were chose Surveyers of Boards for Year ensuing

Adjourned to 3. OClock in the Afternoon —

3. O'Clock Afternoon Met According to Adjournment —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer, which were received, and sealed up in Meeting and then delivered to M^{r}. Constable Smith to be by him returned to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace at their next Meeting —

[398.] The Inhabitants withdrew and brought in their Votes for Seven Assessors and the same being sorted it Appeared that

Messrs: William Lowder - - - - - - - - - - Sworn
Glyes Harris - - - - - - - - - - - d°.
Moses May - - - - - - - - - - - - d°.
John Pulling - - - - - - - - - - - d°.
Samuel Ruggles Esqr. - - - - - - - - d°.
Capt. William Fleet
John R. Sigorney sworn
were chose Assessors for the Year ensuing

The Inhabitants were desired to withdraw and bring in their Votes for four Collectors when it Appeared that —

Messrs: James Thompson sworn
Thomas Bayley sworn
Daniel Parker
Charles Williams sworn
were chose Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes for four Selectmen in the room of such as had declined

serving and the same being brought in accordingly it Appeared that

[399.] Messrs: John Andrews
Henry Jackson Esqr. declines
Hermon Brimmer - - d^{o}.
Capt. William Brown
were chose Selectmen for the Year ensuing

Col^{o}. Josiah Waters — declines
was chosen a Fire Ward for the Year ensuing

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. "To consider the request of Governer Hancock respecting Beacon Hill — was read — whereupon

Voted, that William Tuder Esqr.
Samuel Barret Esqr.
Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Benj^{a}. Hitchbourn Esqr.
Nathl. Appleton Esqr.
be a Committee to take this Article into consideration: to confer with Governer Hancock and Report as soon as may be —

The Request of a Number of the Inhabitants "that Measures may be taken for making a Road from West Boston to the North End, where the Causeway is or near it" — was read whereupon —

[400.] Voted, that Col^{o}. John May
Capt. Isaac Phillips
Col^{o}. Daws
Deacon Sharp
William Tuder Esqr. excused
Honble: John Lowell Esqr.
be a Committee to take this Request under consideration, and to Report as soon as may be

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. "To consider the request of the Inhabitants that some effectual Measures may be taken, as well as to prevent the Inroads of the Sea on each side of the Neck as for the safety of Passengers passing & repassing the same" — was read — whereupon

Voted, that Samuel Brick Esqr.
Nathl. Barber Esqr.
Nathl. Appleton Esqr.
William Tuder Esqr.
Edward Proctor Esqr.
John Lucas — Esqr.
Col^{o}. Daws - - - Esqr.
Josiah Waters — Esqr.
Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.

[**401.**] be a Committee to consider this Matter, and Report as soon as may be —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. — "That the sense of the Town may be taken as to the Appointment of a Master for the Southermost Writing School" — was read, as also the Petition to the Selectmen relative thereto whereupon it was moved, and Voted, unanimously, That the same be left to the Selectmen for them to consider and Act thereon as they shall Judge best

The Request of a Number of the Inhabitants "that a Watch may be established as formerly in State Street — was read, whereupon

Voted, that said Request be granted, and that the Selectmen be direeted to take order for establishing a Watch at the Place prayed for

Adjourned to to Morrow Morning 10 O'Clock Forenoon —

10 — O Clock March 16. Town Met According to Adjournment —

[**402.**] Messrs: Joseph Spear
Capt. Manassah Maston sworn
Joshua Pico
Caleb Hayden - - - - - - - - sworn
John Owen
Edward Burt - - - - - - - - - d^{o}.
Capt. David Spear
Joseph Loring
Robert Hitchbourn
John McElroy
Daniel Bell - - - - - - - - - d^{o}.
William Marston
were chose Cullers of Staves and Hoops for the Year ensuing —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. The Request of a Number of the Inhabitants "that the Town would take Measures for a supply of Bulls on the Common" — was read — whereupon

Voted, that this matter be referred to the Selectmen, for them to Act thereon, as they shall Judge proper

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for two Selectmen, and upon sorting them it Appeared that —

[**403.**] M^{r}. Joshua Henshaw Ju^{r}.
M^{r}. Moses Grant —
were chosen Selectmen for the Year ensuing

The Request of a number of the Inhabitants that the Town would consider what shall be done with regard to the Admeasurement of Wood on the Wharves &c — was read whereupon

Voted, that Deacon Sharp
William Story Esqr.
Mr. Jeremiah Belknap
be a Committee to take this matter into consideration and to Report thereon as soon as may be —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. "To consider relative to Monies due from the Collectors of Taxes" — was read — whereupon —

Voted, that Edward Payne, Esqr.
Edward Green Esqr.
Joseph Russell Junr.
M^{r}. William Parsons
Samuel Ruggles Esqr.
the Committee to Audit the Account of the Town Treasurer be a Committee to consider this Matter and to Report at the Adjournment —

Voted, that the Committee to Audit [**404.**] The Accompt of the Town Treasurer be desired to prepare an Estamate of the Money necessary to be raised for the services of the Town the Year ensuing, stating the particular uses to which the same is to be Appropriated, and to Report at the Adjournment —

Voted, that the consideration of all Money matters be referred to the time the Above Committee make Report —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. "To consider what Measures the Town will take respecting the Market" — was read, as also a Memorial of Capt. John Ballard — whereupon —

Voted, that M^{r}. John Andrews
M^{r}. Samuel May
M^{r}. Thomas Walley
Christ^{o}. Gore Esqr.
John Lucas Esqr.
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid, to Report as soon as may be —

The Memorial of M^{r}. Alexander Hill relative to Monies he had lent the Town, was read whereupon —

Voted, that M^{r}. Cristop^{r}. Gore Esqr.
Nathl. Appleton Esqr. excused
John Lucas Esqr.
[**405.**] M^{r}. Jonathan Mason excused
Joseph Russel Junr.

be a Committee to consider & Report at the Adjournment

The Petition of John Lambert, "that a further allowance may be made him for work done on the Common & Repairs at North Battery Wharf — was read — whereupon

Voted, that said Petition be left to the Selectmen for them to Act thereon as they shall Judge proper —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. "To consider whether Application shall be made to the General Court to Authorise the Town to choose an Additional Number of Selectmen — was read — whereupon —

Voted, that the Honble: Steph^{n}. Higginson Esqr.
Christ^{r}. Gore Esqr.
Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.
be a Committee to consider this Article and Report thereon at the Adjournment —

The Article in the Warrant relative to Fire Insurance Company was read — and

[**406.**] After some debate it was Moved and Voted that the further consideration of this Matter be referred over to the Adjournment of this Meeting —

Moved that this Meeting be Adjourned to the first Monday in April next, 3. OClock in the Afternoon —

And the Meeting was Adjourned Accordingly

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}: M^{r}: Peter Thatcher —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Paragraph of the Constitution or Form of Government relative to the choise of Governor Leiv^{t}. Governor, and Six Senators for the County of Suffolk was also read —

On a Motion Voted, that the Town will come to the choice of a Governor Lev^{t}. Governor and Six Senators for the County of Suffolk —

It was then declared by the Selectmen that no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded —

[**407.**] At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Boston of twenty One Years and upwards qualified as the Con-

stitution prescribes, and legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 4th. Day of April Anno Domini, 1785 — 9. OClock A : M :

Prayer was made by The Revd : Mr : Peter Thatcher

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

Paragraph of the Constitution or Form of Goverment relative to the choice of Governor Levt : Governor and Six Senators for the County of Suffolk was also read —

On a Motion Voted, that the Town will now come to the choice of a Governor Levt : Governor and Six Senators for the County of Suffolk —

It was then declared by the Selectmen that no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded, and that they [**408.**] Propose the Poll shall be closed at One O'Clock

On a Motion, Voted that the several Bells in the Town be set a Ringing at half past Twelve O'Clock and to continue Ringing untill O' 1 Clock —

Persons Voted for as Governor with the number of Votes for each Person Vizt : —

	Votes
His Honor Thomas Cushing Esqr.	337
Honourable James Bowdoin Esqr.	574
Honble : Tristram Dalton Esqr.	7
Honble : Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.	23
Honourable John Hancock Esqr.	5
Honble : Samuel Adams Esqr.	4
Honble : Francis Dana Esqr.	1

Persons Voted for as *Lievetenant Governor* with the Number of Votes for each Person Vizt.

	Votes
His Honor Thomas Cushing Esqr.	665
Honble : Samuel Adams Esqr.	259
Honble : Tristram Dalton Esqr.	5
Honble : James Warren Esqr.	1
Honble : Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.	1
James Swan Esqr.	1
Thomas Russell Esqr.	1

[**409.**] Persons Voted for as *Senators* for the County of Suffolk with the Number of Votes for each Parson — Vizt. —

	Votes
His Honor Thomas Cushing Esqr.	48
The Honble : John Lowell Esqr.	630

Honble: Samuel Dexter Esqr.	158
Honble: Cotten Tuffts Esqr.	901
Honble: Benjamin Lincoln	126
Honble: William Heath Esqr.	407
Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.	692
Honble: William Phillips Esqr.	739
Stephen Metcalf Esqr.	590
Richard Cranch Esqr.	408
Honble: Benjamin Austin Esqr.	368
John Brown Esqr.	191
Ebenezer Wales Esqr.	51
Honble: Samuel Nyles Esqr.	91
Samuel Brick Esqr.	55
Honble: Stephen Higginson Esqr.	61
Honble: Samuel A. Otis Esqr.	23
Honble. T. Dalton Esqr.	4
John Coffin Jones Esqr.	3
Lemuel Hollock Esqr.	9
Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr.	6
Isaac Smith Esqr.	2
Honble: James Sullivan Esqr.	4
[**410.**] Honble: Jobez Fisher Esqr.	10
Thomas Daws Esqr.	3
John Lucas Esqr.	1
D^{r}. Charles Jarvis	2
Thomas Russell Esqr.	5
William Powell Esqr.	1
Edward Payne Esqr.	1

Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as Governor & Lieu^{t}. Governer & Senators for the County of Suffolk were committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth & the Inclosures Sealed up in Town Meeting, Superscribed as follows — Viz^{t}.

For
John Avery Esqr.
Secretary of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

The Number of Votes of the Town of Boston for a Governer Liev^{t}: Governer & Six Senators for the County of Suffolk Certified within and sealed up in Town Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

Adjournment of March Meeting Monday the 4th. of April. 3. OClock Afternoon met according to Adjournment —

The Moderator being Absent Col^{o}. Daws was chosen Modera-

tor Pro. Tem°. — [**411.**] but the Moderator Appearing, he took the Chair; when it was moved that this Meeting be Adjourned to to Morrow. 3. O'Clock Afternoon — and the Meeting was accordingly Adjourned

Tuesday the 5th Day of April 3. OClock Afternoon — Met according to Adjournment —

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for one Selectman for the year ensuing, and upon sorting them it Appeared that

Mr. William Cunningham

was chosen —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for one Fire Ward, and the same being brought in and sorted, it appeared that —

The Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr. — excused was chosen a Fire Ward for the Year ensuing

The Report of the Committee relative to the Market & Capt. Ballards Petition, read, whereupon moved and carried that, that part of the Report which relates to Monies received by Capt. Ballard, and Accounts to be settled, be referred to the Selectmen for Settlement —

Also Voted, that the further [**412.**] consideration of the latter part of said Report which relates to the Erecting Buildings &c — be referred to May Meeting — and that the same be inserted by the Selectmen in the Warrant that shall be issued for said Meeting —

The Article of the Warrant relative to the Neck, was read as also the Report of the Committee to take the same under consideration — was read and the Report having been considered — the Question was put — Whether the same shall be Accepted — Passed in the Affirmative — and said Report is as follows Vizt.

The Committee Appointed by the Town at their Annual Meeting 14th. Day of March last "to consider the request of a Number of the Inhabitants that some effectual Measures as well to prevent the Inroads of the Sea on each side of the Neck as for the Safety of Passengers passing or repassing the same" and to whom was recommended the Report of a Committee made on the same subject at a Town Meeting on the 14th. Day of September last they have Attended the Business & Report

That After mature consideration of the Report submitted to the Town by the [**413.**] Committee on the 14th Day of September they are of Opinion that the plan then reported involved in it

an Object of too great Magnitude to be carried into effect under the present straitened Finances of the Town & was calculated on two large a scale for Private Individuals to have engaged in; Your Committee therefore think it not Advisable at present that any part of the Report referred to should be Adopted But as the present exposed situation of the Neck Demands that some immediate Measures should be persued to check the Inroads of the Sea which prevails daly & distructive Advances must in a little time produce the most runious Effects they propose

"*First* that a Sea Wall shall be erected from the Southeast corner of the Fortification to run fourteen hundred feet to & on the out side of Hills Dam (so called) to be built of stone with a double Capstan to be at least 3½ feet at Bottom — 2½ feet at Top & to be bedded two feet and the Stone Work to be five feet high including the bedding this Wall to be Well backed & secured & to be kept in good repaire as a Barrier against the Sea forever — *Secondly* the Wall on the Northwest side of the Neck being in a very disjointed & tottering State, it is become exceeding necessary to have a range of Stronge Pickets 11 feet longe & well secured by being placed three feet in the Clay & at the distance of 18 Inches from the Wall, which [**414.**] Space should be filled in with Roxbury Chips or small stones — These Pickets ought to be five feet Above the Wall as it now stands all of the same heigth to be pointed & ribbarded near the Top. And to defrey the expence Attending these Two pieces of Work it is proposed that the Town shall grant in fee to such Person or Persons as will undertake & finish in a substantial manner these two Important Barriers, all the Land and Flatts lying on the Southeast side of the Neck extending 1400 feet from the Fortification to the end of the proposed Wall on that Side; As Also all the Flatts on the Northwest side included within the Wall now standing & a line to be run parrallel with said Wall at the distance of two hundred feet therefrom, Subject however to the Grantees & their Heirs & Assigns forever, hereafter keeping the said Barriers in good repair; as also preserving the Passage way on each side the Pavement in suitable Order for Travelling in the same manner that the Abutters on the publick Streets do in other parts of the Town — The Grant above is Also to reserve to the Town forever a Street between the Premisses of Eighty feet wide. — The Grantees are also to Covenant to each a Rale Fence on the Southeast side of the Above extent of 1400 feet [**415.**] as also the Picket work on the Northwest side, on or before the first day of November next for the security of Passangers and likewise to contract for the Building & compleating the Sea Wall by the first of Nov^{r}: 1786 — *Thirdly* That the safety of Travellers & the Inhabitants, as well as the preservation of Sixty Acres of Upland & Marsh belonging to the Town, make it exceeding necessary that the rest of the Land should be immediately inclosed by an Open Fence of Posts & two rails, similar to the one round the Common — And to effect this purpose your Committee think it for the Interest of the Town to lease the same for the Term of Twelve years to such

Person or Persons as will contract to raise such a Fence, keep the same in repair, & so leave the same at the expiration of said Term for the Use of the Town, & also engage to set out suitable Elm Trees at 50 feet distance on each side of the Neck the whole extent of the Town Land & from time to time replace them when they decay or are destroyed — This Bargain to be at the refusal of the Persons who shall undertake the Stone Wall & Picketing — *Fourthly* — It is become necessary that the sunking Pavement on the Center of the Isthmus should be [**416.**] raised two feet high for 450 feet extent that the Other parts of the Pavement should be repaired & that one Thousand Load at least of Gravil should be laid on the defective parts of the Cartway on the East Side of the Pavement — The Expence of this said Work the Committee compute to Amount to £500 — & to defrey which they recomend it to the consideration of the Town to dispose of the Land Annexed to & Adjoining the Fortification within on both sides — The sale of which they are of Opinion will raise the Sum wanted — The Committee recomend that the Selectmen be Authorized, or a Committee be Appointed to execute the Above Buisness on the best Terms & in the most expedious way possable & to make & execute proper Deeds to effect the purposes aforementioned. — The foregoing was unanimously Agreed &c

Boston 4th April 1785 Samuel Brick ℘ Order

The Committee relative to Land at Sº Battery, Reported — and the same being read, it was on a Motion Voted, that the consideration of said Report be reffered to May Meeting; and the Town Clark is directed to furnish the Honble: Oliver Wendell Esqr. [**417.**] with a Copy of said Report —

The Committee on the Petition of the Fire Insurance Company Reported — on a Motion Voted, that the consideration of said Report be referred to May Meeting

The Committee on Mr. Hills Petition Reported — and the same being read and considered — the Question was put — Whether the same shall be accepted — Passed in the Negative —

Moved & Voted, that Mr. Hill have leave to withdraw said Petition —

The Committee relative to enlarging the present Number of Selectmen having Reported — It was moved & Voted that the consideration of said Report be referred to May Meeting

Voted, that all Matters and Things which remain unfinished at this Meeting be referred over to the General Town Meeting in May next then to be Acted upon —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

[**418.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuiel Hall on Tuesday the 26th Day of April A. D. 1785. 11. O'Clock in the Forenoon —

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - read —

On a Motion —
The Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr. was chosen Moderator of this Meeting by a Hand Vote —

Warrant again read, and on a Motion the Printed Resolution of the Merchants — relative to some late Importation, was also read —

The first Clause of the Article in the Warrant — Viz^t: "To take into consideration the propriety of the Selectmen Acting agreeably to the Votes and Agreement of a late Meeting of a large Number of Merchants & Traders of the Town" — was read, and After some Debate it was moved and carried that this Clause be passed Over — and then the latter Clause of the Article in the [**419.**] Warrant — Viz^t. Whether the Town will take any measures relative to said Business" — was read, and considered — whereupon the Question was put accordingly and passed in the Negative by a very large Majority

It was then moved, that this Meeting be dissolved, and it was accordingly

dissolved

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned, in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall the 10th Day of May Anno Domini 1785 — 10. O'Clock before Noon —

Prayer was made by the Rev^d. M^r. Howard

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

That part of the Constitution or form of Government which relates to the Choice of Representatives - - - - read

Sundry Laws to be read at said Meeting were accordingly - - - - - read - - - - - -

[**420.**] The Town having determined to choose seven Persons to represent them in the General Court of Massachusetts to be held at the State House at Boston upon the last Wednesday of

May Current Agreeable to the Constitution or Frame of Government for the Massachusetts — The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Seven Representatives, & then it was declared by the Selectmen that no Votes should be received but such as ware unfolded, and that they propose that the Poll should be closed at 12 — O'Clock — the Assessors were requested to stand at the Door while the Inhabitants were giving in their Votes —

On a Motion Voted, that all those Persons who Vote for Representatives shall in their giving in their respective Votes, enter into the Hall, and there remaine untill the Poll is closed —

The Votes being brought in for Seven Representatives, the number of the same were found to be 502 — And upon sorting them it Appeared that [**421.**] only the Six following Gentelmen were chosen by a Majority of Votes — Viz^{t}:

		Votes
The Honble.	John Hancock Esqr.	315
3 Honble.	Allen Otis Esqr.	502
2 Honble:	Caleb Davis Esqr.	333
	Thomas Daws Esqr.	502
	Samuel Brick Esqr.	502
Honble:	Benjamin Austin Esqr.	277

On a Motion Voted, that 3. O'Clock Afternoon be Assigned for the choice of Another Representative — The Poll to be closed at 4 O Clock —

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P : M :

3 O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for one Representative — The Votes being brought in and sorted the Number was found to be 394 — And that no one of the Persons Voted for had a Majority of said Votes —

The Inhabitants as directed, again withdrew and brought in their Votes for a Representative — the Number of Votes 429 — and upon sorting them it Appeared that there was no choice —

[**422.**] The Inhabitants withdrew again as directed, and the Votes being brought in the Number was found to be 484 — and upon sorting the Votes it appeared that

Benjamin Hitchborn Esqr:

was chosen by a Majority of Votes —

The choice of Representatives being over and declared by the Selectmen, it was moved that a Moderator be chosen to transact the other Business mentioned in the Warrant —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for a Moderator of this Meeting the Votes being brought in and sorted it appeared that

Thomas Dawes Esqr.

was chosen —

The Committee to Audit the Accompts of the Town Treasurer gave in the following Report —

That the Treasurers Books are well kept, his Acco^{ts}: well Vouched and the Appropriations made last year has been Attended to —

By the Report of the Committee last year the Debts then due from the Town Amounted to £17340. since which time, [**423.**] They have been reduced About £1750 had the Collectors paid in all the Taxes that have been granted those Debts would have been reduced to £8825 —

The Tax granted last year was £10,500 this with the Premium for Collecting has been expended in the year as Appears by the Selectmen & Overseers Drafts Viz^{t}.

For School Masters Salarys - - - - - - -	£1781 ,, 10 ,, —
Repairs of the Schools - - - - - - - - - -	77 ,, 6 ,, 10
Visitation of - - D^{o} - - - - - - - - -	49 ,, 14 ,, 4
Watchmen - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	652 ,, 11 ,, 5
Lamps Oyl &c - - - - - - - - - - - - -	320 ,, 6 ,, 5
Town Dock - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	363 ,, 6 ,, 7
Gravel & Labour on Neck - - - - - - - -	100 ,, 7 ,, 10
Common & Beacon Hill - - - - - - - - -	168 ,, 5 ,, 2
Pay to the Assessors - - - - - - - - - -	586 ,, 17 ,, 0
Premium to Collectors - - - - - - - - -	381 ,, 15 ,, 1
Treasurer & Town Clark - - - - - - - -	300 ,, ———
Nazro's Salary - - - - - - - - - - - -	50 ,, ———
Hay Market - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	75 ,, 13
Engines - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	10 ,, 11 ,, 7
Paving - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	168 ,, 13 ,, 7
Printers Acco^{t}. & Stationary - - - - - - -	101 ,, 3 ,, 3
Repairs of Burying Places - - - - - - - -	62 ,, 11 ,, 3
Ditto of Estate by Concert Hall - - - - - -	80 ,, 16 ,, 11
Lumber of Samuel May - - - - - - - - -	80 ,, 4 ,, 8
State Account - - - - - - - - - - - - -	22 ,, 11 ,, 4
Contingencies - - - - - - - - - - - - -	738 ,, 5 ,, 6
Am^{o}. of the Selectmens Drafts - - - - - -	£6172 ,, 11 ,, 9
The Overseers Drafts for the Support of the Poor - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2745 ,, 7 ,, 4
	£8917 ,, 19 ,, 1

[**424.**] The whole of these Drafts have been paid by the Treasurer, except £1024 ,, 11 ,, 4 which Sum is in the Estimate of the Debts now due from the Town most of the Money rec^{d}: on the last Tax has been paid by Messrs: Bayley & Thompson had the Other Collectors Messrs: Williams & Parker paid in the same proportion, the whole of those drafts would have been paid —

The Debts that Appear to be now due from the Town (exclusive of the Demands from the State & some small Debts, which the Treasurer will be Able to discharge from those due to the Town are as follows Viz^{t}. —

Notes for Money borrowed before the Year — 1775 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	£1427 ,, 16 ,, 4
Notes of Money borrowed since - - - - - -	9647 ,, 6 ,, 4
Due to Sundry Creditors before and — since 1775 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1089 ,, 18 ,, 3
Unpaid of the Selectmen & Overseers — Drafts in 1784 - - - - - - - - - - -	1024 ,, 11 ,, 4
Interest due on the Above Debts suppose - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2400 ,, 7 ,, 9
	£15590 ,, ———

besides these Debts there Appears to be due to a Number of Persons for Paper Money borrowed, the Amount of which cannot be Ascertained as no Application has been made for Payment nor any date when received —

[**425.**] To discharge the Above Debts there Appears to be due from the several Collectors the following Sums Viz^{t}: —

From Francis Shaw Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - - - -			£334 ,, 2 ,, 6
James Thompson Tax 1783 = deduct £152 ,, 6/ Premium - - - - - - - - - - -		£560 ,, 19 ,, 9	408 ,, 13 ,, 9
Thomas Bayley d^{o}.	402 ,, 17 ,, 2 - -	299 ,, 7 —	103 ,, 10 ,, 3
Benjamin Sumner d^{o}.	255 ,, 5 ,, 4 - -	181 ,, 10 —	73 ,, 15 ,, 4
Daniel Parker d^{o}.	93 ,, 9 ,, 10 - - - - - - - -		93 ,, 9 ,, 10
Alexander Thomas	439 ,, 13 ,, 7 - - -	163 ,, 16 ,, 9	275 ,, 16 ,, 10
			£1289 ,, 8 ,, 6
due on the last Town Tax 1784 vizt.			
From Thomas Bayley - - - - - - - -		1050 ,, 19 ,, 10	
James Thompson - - - - - - -		1318 ,, 14 ,, 5	
Chas. Williams - - - - - - - -		2167 ,, 6 " 0	
Danl. Parker - - - - - - - -		2259 ,, 18 ,, 3	
		6796 " 18 ,, 6	
deduct for Abatements - - - - - - -		1323 ———	
			5473 ,, 18 ,, 6
Due from the State Treasurer for the — Support of their Poor - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			2644 ,, 5 ,, 8
			£9407 ,, 13 ,, 8

These Sums together with the Rent of the Market and Other Buildings belonging to the Town, & Bills of New Emission remaining in the Treasurey Amounting to £3047 ,, 81 — if Sold to be Appropriated to pay the Interest and principle of the Towns Debts — The Charges of the Year ensuing to be paid out of the Tax to be raised for that purpose, but as Money cannot be procured in time [**426.**] to pay the immediate demands of the Overseers, the Watch and the School Masters Salarys the Treasurer may be Allowed to pay the drafts on these Accounts out of the first Money he receives & to replace the Same out of the Money received on the Tax now to be levied. —

Besides the Above Sums due from the present Collectors, there Appears to be due from former Collectors, and others, not brought into the Above Estimate as premiums may be due to some of them, but these Accounts Ought to be immediately settled Viz^{t}. —

From the Estate of John Ruddock Esqr. a ball^{ce} : —

Faneuil Hall Lotterys - - - - - - - - - -	£50 ,, 19 ,, 9
Abraham Savage on $^{a}/_{c}$ of Tax for 1773 —	529 ,, 2 ,, 3
Benj^{a} : Grays Estate — D^{o}. — D^{o}. —	347 ,, 11 ,, 0
Benj^{a} : Cudworth for Taxes since y^{e}. time	31 ,, 11 ,, 9
	£959 ,, 5 ,, 2

It Appears by the Treasurers Books that several Sums have been paid out of the Treasurey in 1779. 1780. & 1781 vizt. to M^{r}. Rowe & Others a Committee for purchasing Grain; To Col^{o}: Symmes for Mileage. To Col^{o}. Crafts for Ditto & those Accounts still remain unsettled in the Treasurers Books the two last were to be reimbursed by the State, but it does not Appear that the Town have been paid —

[**427.**] The Rents of the Market the last year has not been received by the Treasurer —

The Board of War have made a Demand on the Town for About £2500 — the greatest part of which is for Arms &c. delivered to the Officers of Militia, & by them to the Men; some of them have been returned to the Selectmen, & some are Missing, but none of them have been returned to the Board of War — if Money can immediately be procured, these Arms can now be purchased on such Terms as would save the Town upwards of £1000 — It likewise Appears by Treasurer Iver's Account that there remained due to the State on the 16th of March from the Several Collectors as follows Viz^{t} : —

From Abraham Savage on the Tax for Tax — in 1773 - - - - - - - - - - - - -	£64 ,, 17 ,, 3
Benj^{a} : Cudworth d^{o}. — 1778 - - -	681 ,, 4 ,, 10
Eight Men deficient on Class Tax @ 74 ,, $\frac{1}{8}$	592 ,, 13 ,, 4
	1338 ,, 15 ,, 0

Daniel Parker Continental Tax N°. 2 - - - - -	1090 ,, 2 ,, 2
B. Sumner on Commonwealth Tax N°. 3 - - -	633 ,, 15 ,, 2
Alex^r. Thomas on Ditto - - - D°. - - -	504 ,, 2 ,, 2
	£2227 ,, 19 ,, 4
	£3566 ,, 14 ,, 9

As the Town is Oblidged to make good all Arrages due to the State in case the Collectors fails And are now paying Interest on the Sums they Owe — your Committee are of Opinion that effectual Measures should be immediately taken to Oblidge [**428.**] The Collectors, & all other Indebted to the Town to pay their respective Ballances —

The whole of the Tax granted last Year has been expended for Charges incurred in the Year the same Sum will be necessary for the Service of the Ensuing Year, if the Selectmen can make any saving the Overplus to be Appropriated to pay the Towns Debts

Amount of Arreages due from y^e. Collectors — Vizt:
From Abraham Savage on the Tax for

	Town Treasurer	State Treas^r.	Total
— Tax in 1773 - -	£529 ,, 2 ,, 3	£64 ,, 17 ,, 3	593 ,, 19 ,, 11
Benj^a: Cudworth - -	31 ,, 11 ,, 9	681 ,, 4 ,, 10	712 ,, 16 ,, 7
Benj^a: Gray - - - - -	347 ,, 11 —	- - - - - - -	347 ,, 11 —
Benj^a: Sumner - - -	73 ,, 15 ,, 4	633 ,, 15 ,, 2	707 ,, 10 ,, 6
Alex^r: Thomas - - -	275 ,, 16 ,, 10	504 ,, 2 ,, 2	779 ,, 19 —
Daniel Parker - - -	2028 ,, 18 ,, 4	1090 ,, 2 ,, 2	3119 ——
On the Class Tax - - - - - -		592 ,, 13 ,, 4	592 ,, 13 . 4
		3566 ,, 14 ,, 9	
Char^ls: Williams -	1842 ,, 16 ,, 0	on last Tax	1842 ,, 16 ,, —
James Thompson -	408 ,, 13 ,, 9	& 994 ,, 4 ,, 5	1402 ,, 18 ,, 2
Thomas Bayley - -	103 ,, 10 ,, 2	& 726 . 9 ,, 10 -	830. ——
			£10929 ,, 4 ,, 9

Upwards of £1300 — of these Arrages are already lost to the Town as neither the Collectors nor their Bondsmen are able to make Payment & more may be lost if not speedilly Attende to —

Edward Payne ℘ Order

The foregoing Report having been read and considered —

[**429.**] Voted, unanimously, that the Report be Accepted, and that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to said Committee for their good services therein —

Moved & Voted, that

John Gardiner Esqr.
Samuel Brick Esqr.
Benjamin Hitchborn Esqr.

be a Committee to consider this Report and to Report to the Town what is expedient to be done thereon —

Adjourned to Thursday next 3. O'Clock Afternoon —

Thursday the 12th Day of May 1785 — 3' OClock P: M: Met according to Adjournment

The Petition of Nathaniel Cobbit read and after debate it was moved & Voted that he have leave to withdraw his Petition

The Petition of Capt: John Ballard was read, also the Report of the Committee relative to Faneuil Hall Market — and after debate had thereon it was moved & Voted, that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition —

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants relative to the North Chocolate Mills — read, whereupon —

[**430.**] Voted, that Samuel Barret Esqr.
Thomas Daws Junr. Esqr.
Mr. John R. Sigorney
be a Committee to consider this Petition and to Report at the Adjournment —

The Article in the Warrant Vizt. Whether the Town will make provision for the Building one or more Schools for the further Accommondation of youth" was read, whereupon

Voted, that John Lucas Esqr.
John Switcher Esqr.
Perez Morton Esqr.
Christr. Gore — Esqr.
Mr. Edward Tuckerman
be a Committee to consider the Articles and to report as soon as may be —

The Article in the Warrant Vizt. What Measures shall be taken relative to the North Battery." read and considered, whereupon

Voted, that the Gentelmen the Selectmen be and hereby are Authorised and impowered to make Sale of the North Battery with the Lands & Flats Adjoining for the most the same will fetch with this restriction that the Materials be not removed off the Land

[**431.**] On a Motion Voted, that
Dr. Charles Jarvis
Samuel Barret Esqr.

John C Jones
William Tudor Esqr.
Thomas Daws Junr. Esqr.
be a Committee to prepare Instructions for the Gentelmen who Represent this Town in the General Court the present Year — to make Report at the Adjournment of

The Petition relative to Fire Office Insurance Company was referred to the Gentelmen Fire Wards for the present year, for their consideration to Report as soon as may be

The Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr. having declined serving as a Fire Ward — on a Motion

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be & hereby are given him for his faithfull & Judicial services as a Fire Ward a number of Years past

The Committee relative to the South Battery Report as follows — Viz^{t}.

The Committee Appoint'd in August last "to consider what Measures the Town will take respecting their Land [**432.**] on which the South Battery stands and the Land Adjacent" beg leave to Report

That they have Attended the business Assigned them — have heard the Plea of the Honble: Oliver Wendell Esqr. respecting his Title to the Land on which said Battery stands — have examined the Records of the Town & the Report of Committees relative to said Lands, and Advise that the Town give a Quit Claim Deed to the Honble; Oliver Wendell Esqr. of the Land on which the Spermaictia Works stand, and the Wharf & Flats property belonging to the same in the Judgement of the Selectmen, on Condition that the said Oliver Wendell Esqr: relinquish to the Town all the Right & Title which he supposes he has to every other part of said South Battery. The Committee also Advise that the Town impower the Selectmen to sell at public Auction or at private Sale the remaining part of said Lands Viz^{t}: All the Land between said Spermacite Works & M^{r}. Rows Wharff with all priviledges and Appurtenances belonging to the same. — also all the Land Adjacent belonging to the Town and to give good and Sufficient Deeds to the Purchaser in the Name and behalf of the Town

[**433.**] Caleb Davis
J Henshaw
major part of the Committee

The aforegoing Report having been read and considered, the Question was put — Viz^{t}. Whether this Report shall be Accepted — Passed in the Affermative

Adjourned to Thursday next being the 19th of May Instt: 3. O'Clock P: M: —

Thursday the 19th Day of May 1785 3. O'Clock P: M: Met According to Adjournment —

The Selectmen having Acquainted the Inhabitants that Joseph Barrel Esqr: had generously given the Town a Deed of a Piece of Land of twelve feet six Inches leading from Dock Square to the Revd. Mr: Thatchers Church —

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to unto Joseph Barrel Esqr. for said Donation, whereby a narrow tho.' much frequented Passage way will be inlearged to the better accommodation — and safety of the Inhabitants

The Committee to prepare Instruction for the Gentelmen who Represent this Town in the General Court, Reported a Draught, [**434.**] which being read & considered Perageraph two was amended and accepted by the Town

To Honble: John Hancock Esqr. Honble: Samuel Allyne Otis Esqr: Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr: Thomas Daws Esqr: Samuel Brick Esqr. Honble: Benjamin Austin Esqr: Benjamin Hitchborn Esqr. —

Gentelmen.

It is not from any distrust either of your Zeal or Abilities that we have thought proper to give you our Instructions on some of the many important Objects which must arrest your Attention in the Approaching Assembly of the State; on the Other hand we are fully persuaded that no Exertions on your part will be wanting to promote the true Interest of this Town, as well as that of the Community at large, but at so important a period we wish to Afford you our suport and Assistance under the thorough conviction that nothing short of our, united Effects, can perfict or secure the Blessings of Peace & Independance —

During the Danger & Calamites of War we were led naturally to expect that the return of Peace would have brought with it Prosperity as well as Safety Depending on this, too much has been left to the uncertainty [**435.**] of Chance, where the Wisdom of the Laws or the Obligations of Treaty, might have been Applied with Advantage. — To this unfortunate Defect of System in the Public Conduct it has been owing, that the greatest part of our circulating Medium has been exchanged for British Luxuries, that our Trade has been so unequal, and unproductive, & that most of the means of remittance wether directe, or circuitous have been cloged by Alien Taxes, & Restrictions, or else

totally excluded in foreign Ports: And in Addition to this ruinous situation, we find the Agents and Factors of British Merchants Assidiously gleaning the Remains of our Money & thretining a Monopely of the whole Trade — Thus between the Artifice of Forreign Individuals, & the Policy of their Government are our Citizens impoverished & the Country most essentially injured —

If these were the Only Difficulties that Demanded your Attention, our Complaints would be less Urgent, but our Carrying Trade that great Nursary of Seamen and one of the Principle Sources of National Strength & Opulence is menaced with Annihilation; With ample Internal resources & place it on a respectable [**436.**] Footing. We have with the most passive Indeferance seen the Ships of Other Countrys but of the British in particular crowding our Ports with all the Advantages of our own, at the same time that the Navigation of these States is in their Harbours either restrained, or subjected to the Several Exactions.

As the Encouragement & Protection of our Fisheries are Objects of primary Concern, we are Alarmed at finding the Industrious & hardy Seamen of this Commonwealth decoyed into British service and contributing to errect a rival Establishment on the Ruin of our Wale Fishery —

We most earnestly wish to see the internal Trade of these Several States in the Union fixed and confirmed on principles of the most perfect equality by such Policy, one great Cause of Jealousy and Dissention will be removed; and it is under God on the Harmoney & Coincidence of the several parts of our Confederacy that the general Happiness and Security must depend —

In a Country where the real Wants of the Inhabitants may be generally supplied by their own Industry we are Anxious to turn the Attention of Government to the encouragement of Agriculture and to the present reduced and declining State of many of our [**437.**] Manufactures; the relief & Protection of which are Objects of the most extensive Utility

The State of Public Credit on every principal demands the Closest Application; When an Appropriated Revenue derived from the Commodities & Luxuries of other Countries might have preserved & perpetuated our National Faith, a total neglect of this Salutary expedient has already been productive of Injury & Dishonour to the Government & of Distress & Oppression to the Public Creditors; Policy as well as Justice then unite to demonstrate necesity of some permanent & National Establishment on this important Subject When thus engaged Gentelmen you cannot fail to recollect that as Economy in our private Expenditures is one of the Cardinal Virtues of a Republic, the Prevalence of Luxury & Dissipation should be watched throughout the Com-

monwealth & by progressive Excises be rendred tributary to the State —

But Gentelmen while we recomend these Circumstances to your Consideration, and while we contemplate some of the numerous Difficulties of our *present situation*, we look in vain for a [**438.**] Power in the Government Adequate to their removal; For it is Politically impossible, from our different views and local Attachments that there should be either concert or Decision on great National Questions, as the measures of any Single State will probably be opposed & defeated by those of its Neighbours till at length the Fabric of our Confederacy by internal Dissention, may be convulsed and subverted —

To correct these Evils and to Add Dignity & Efficiency to the Federal Government your Constituents are anxiously Solicitous to see the Congress invested with Power competent to our common necessities, to the Regulation of our Commerce and to the Adjustment and discharge of the Public Debt, and in order to this we enjoin upon you to exert your utmost influence with the Legislature to request the Suprem Executive, to open a Correspondence with the Supreme Executive of the Other States to concert the means of National Unanimity & exertion for it is from their Influence that we have derived our freedom, & it is to them alone that we must be indebted for the improvement and Extention of its Blessings —

The Committee to consider the Report of the Committee to Audit Town [**439.**] Treasurers Accounts Reported and After some consideration of said Report, it was recommitted for Amendments —

Adjourned to Monday next 3' O : Clock Afternoon —

Monday 23d of May 3 'OClock P : M : Met according to Adjournment —

The Inhabitants as directed brought in their Votes for one Fir Ward, and upon sorting them it Appeared, that

Colo : John May

was chosen a Fire Ward for the year ensuing

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Petition of a Number of Gentelmen for being Incorporated as a Fire Insurance having met several times and considered said Proposal Give it as their Opinion, that it will not be for the Advantage of the Town, that such an Institution should be established —

William Cooper ℘ Order

The aforegoing Report having been read & considered — the

Question was put, "Whether the same shall be accepted" — Passed in the Affirmative —

[**440.**] The Committee Appointed the 12th Instt: to take into consideration the expediency of erecting one or more new Schools — Report —

They have Attended that Business and in order to obtain the best information they on Tuesday last made a visit to the several Schools in Town, and find as follows

	Present		more
At Mr. Vinals - - - - -	119	will Accomodate - - -	81
At Mr. Cheneys - - - - -	81	- - ditto - - - - - -	19
			100
Master Carters . - - - -	150	- - full	- - -
Mr. Tileston - - - - - -	150	wants room for	18
			82
Visited Mr. Hunts School - -	52	will contain 100	
Master Davis - - -	12	ditto - - - - - 100	

Upon the whole your Committee are of Opinion from the best information they can obtain that the present Writing Schools taken Collectively, will Admit of 80 more Scholars and that it is not necessary for the Town to erect any more Schools at present all which is submitted —

John Lucas ℘ Order

The foregoing Report, having been read & considered — your Committee think it necessary that no Children be Admitted to a Writing School under 7 years of Age, and that the Selectmen be requested to give such Instructions to the Masters and that they Govern themselves accordingly — [**441.**] The Question was put — Whether the same shall be Accepted — Passed in the Affirmative —

The Committee on the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants respecting the Danger to which the Town is exposed by the several Chocolate Mills Erected within the same, beg leave on careful Examination thereof to Report the following *Vote* for their consideration — Vizt. —

Whereas a certain Act made & passed in the 4th Year of the Reign of William & Mary, intittled and Act for Building with Brick or Stone in the Town of Boston & for preventing Fire" and an Act in Addition thereto, made & passed in the 11th Year of the same Reign have been found ineffectual to the Salutary purposes thereof — inasmuch as Wooden Chocolate Mills have notwithstanding been, erected with Machines for rosting Cocoa, under Circumstances hazardous to the Dwellings and

Persons of the Inhabitants, and Fires, have in fact more than once happened thereby — Therefore the Town taking the Promisses into consideration Agree, and it is accordingly — Voted, That the Selectmen prevent [present?] on behalf of the Town a Petition to the General Court at their next Session praying for leave to bring in a Bill for preventing under [**442.**] sufficient penalty, such use of the said Buildings & Machines in the Neighbourhood of other Buildings, and directing also under penalty such Buildings & Machines to be constructed, if erected in such a manner & with Brick & Stones as to prevent the Danger incident to their present situation & Construction — all which is humbly submitted

Samuel Barret ℘ Order

The foregoing Vote having been read & considered — the Question was put — Whether the same be Accepted — Passed in the Affirmative

The Committee relative to Fire Wood, Reported which Report being read; it was Moved & Voted — that the same be recommitted, & the Committee are requested to make enquirey whether there is not a law or Laws still in force for the purpose mentioned in said Report

Voted, that John Lucas Esqr.
Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr. excus'd
Capt. Amasa Davis
John Swatser Esqr.
John C Jones Esqr.
Thomas Dawes Ju^{r}. Esqr.
be a Committee to consider what Salaries shall be Allowed the School Masters & other [**443.**] Servants of the Town, and the Sum Necessary to be raised by the Town to defrey the Charges of the present Year & Report at the Adjournment —

On a Motion Voted, that
William Storey Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Deming
M^{r}. John Vinal
be a Committee to consider and Report what is necessary to be done relative to the Dogs in this Town, and to Report at the Adjournment —

Adjourned to Thursday the 2 of June 3. OClock Afternoon —

Thursday the 2^{d} of June 1785 3. O Clock P: M: Met According to Adjournment —

Col^{o}. Daws the Moderator not being Able to attend —
William Tudor Esqr.
was chosen by a Hand Vote, Moderator Pro. Tem.

The Committee Appointed by the Town at their last Meeting on the 10th of this present Month May "*to consider the Report of the Committee Appointed to Audit the Accompts of the Town Treasurer and to Report to the Town what is expedient to be done thereon*" have duly and Carefully Attended to that Business, & accordingly now Report

[**444.**] That they fully Approve of the perspicuous and Judicious Report of that Committee of Auditors, and conceive the same to be so important and interesting to the Town that material Advantage may result from having the same faithfully entered at large upon the Towns Books as a Memorial of the present Town Debts, and how the same has Arisen, and to which recourse may be had hereafter, if occasion should so require; wherefore your Committee beg leave to recomend, that the same may be ordered so to be entered —

That it Appears from such Report of those Auditors, that all the Town Collectors of the Taxes excepting *James Thompson* and *Thomas Bayley* are Deafulters, and that two of such Collectors are greatly in Arrears to the Town, one of them about £3000, the other above £1800, and that three Others of such Collectors are respectively Defaulters to the Town for several Sums none of which are so small as seven hundred pounds. —

That they Agree with the Auditors aforesaid that the Accounts with the Estate of the late John Ruddock Esqr. deceased, and with the several other Persons and Estates specified in the report of such your Auditor's the several ballances of which is stated in such their [**445.**] Report make up in the Aggregate the Sum of £959 ,, 5 ,, 2 — ought to be immediately settled and closed, the same in the Opinion of this Committee having been too long left Open —

That they submit to the Consideration of the Town, whether a Committee for settling and closing the same forthwith ought not be chosen and invested with full power for that purpose, and that the Treasurer be directed to sue for and recover the several Ballances which upon final settlement may Appear to be due to the Town, in case the same cannot without delay, be called in and received in some easier and less expensive mode, And that such Committee do duly report their proceedings therein to the Town at such time or times as the Town shall see fit to order and direct —

That the same Committee be also impowered to call upon John Rowe Esqr. and the Other members of the Committee Appointed for purchasing Grain in 1779. in 1780 — and in 1781 — and who are particularly, Named in such the report of your Auditors, and they Adjust and settle those Accounts likewise with all convenient

speed, and report their doings thereon also to the Town at such time or times as the Town shall order or Appoint for that purpose —

[**446.**] That as it Appears from the aforesaid Report of your Auditors of the Accounts of your Town Treasurer all your Collectors of Taxes (excepting James Thompson and Thomas Bayley) are greatly in Arrears, and that two of them in particular are defaulters for very Large Sums. It is submitted by your Committee whether the Town Treasurer should not be ordered immediatley to Isue Executions against all the Delequents to compel payment without delay of all arrears except the last Tax, for the collecting of which never, the less, only Six Months from this day shall be allowed, at the expiration of which Period, if the same be not then duly Accounted for to the Town Treasurer, that he be directed, to issue Executions against all such as then shall be found in default in order to ease the Inhabitants from paying two Taxes instead of one —

J. Gardiner ℘ Order

The foregoing Report having been read and considered, the Question was put Viz^{t}. Whether the Report be Accepted — Passed in the Affirmative — Also Voted,

That the Selectmen be a Committee to settle the Accounts, & other Matters recommended in the proceeding Report —

[**447.**] The Committee Appointed to consider of the danger the People at large are continually exposed to, by the large number of Dogs, going at large in this Town, have attended that service — And as many Persons, not only in the Town, but in other parts of this Commonwealth, have been bit by that Animal, and some have lost their lives, & others in great Danger — therefore your Committee apprehend it of great consequence to the People, at large that some effectual method be taken to prevent, the growing evil complained of —

Your Committee do therefore propose to the Inhabitants that they would give Instructions to their Committee now revising the By Laws of this Town to Frame a Law respecting Dogs that are or may be among us

W^{m}: Storey ℘ Order

The aforegoing Report as amended in this Meeting was accepted by the Town —

Moved and Voted, that
John Gardner
Thomas Daws Junr. Esqr.
be added to the Committee for revising the By Laws, and that

said Committee be desired to Report a Law relative to Dogs as soon as may be—

[448.] The Report of the Committee relative to Salaries &c—referred over to the Adjournment for consideration—and the Town Clerk is to Notify in the News Papers that all Money Matters are then to be Acted upon—

Adjourned to Thursday the 9th of June Ins^{t}. 3. O'Clock P: M: then to Meet at Faneuil Hall—

Thursday the 9th. Day of June 3'OClock in the Afternoon met according to Adjournment—

The Committee for revising the By Laws are desired to Report one relative to Dogs at the General Town Meeting—also

Moved & Voted, that
D^{r}. Charles Jarvis
D^{r}. John Warren
be Added to said Committee for the purpose aforesaid—

The Report of the Committee relative to Salaries and the Sum necessary to be raised for the service of the present Year—again read and considered and the Question put Whether said Report be Accepted—Passed in the Negative—

[449.] Voted, that the Sum of two hundred & thirty Pounds be allowed & paid unto M^{r}. Samuel Hunt for his Salary as Master of the South Grammer School the present year the same to commence from the first of March last and to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due—

Voted, that the Sum of two hundred & thirty Pounds be Allowed and paid unto M^{r}: Nathan Davis for his Salary as Master of the North Grammer School the present year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due and to commence from the first of March last—

Voted, that the Sum of two hundred Pounds be allowed and paid unto M^{r}. John Tyleston for his Salary as Master of the North Writing School the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due and to commence from the first of March last

Voted, that the Sum of two hundred Pounds be Allowed and paid unto M^{r}. James Carter for his Salary as Master of the Writing School in Queen Street the present year the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence from the first of March last—

[**450.**] Voted, that the Sum of two hundred Pounds be allowed & paid unto Mr. John Vinal for his Salary as Master of the Writing School in the Common the present year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence from the first of March last

Voted, that the Sum of two hundred Pounds be allowed and paid unto Mr. Samuel Cheney for his Salary as Master of the Southermost Writing School the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due and to commence from the first of March last —

Voted, that Mr. John Tileston Master of the North Writing School be allow'd for House Rent the present year the Sum of Forty Pounds the Same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due and to commence from the first of March last

Voted, that Mr. Nathan Davis Master of the North Grammer School be allowed for House Rent the present Year the Sum of Forty Pounds the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence from the first of March last—

[**451.**] Voted, that Mr. John Vinal Master of the Writing School in the Common be allowed for House Rent the present year the Sum of Forty Pounds the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due and to commence from the first of March last —

Voted, that Mr. Samuel Cheney Master of the Writing School in Plasant Street be allowed for House Rent the present Year the Sum of Forty Pounds, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence from the first of March last —

Voted, that Mr. Peter Boyer be allowed & paid the Sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds for his services as Treasurer the present Year the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence from the first of March last

Voted, that William Cooper be allowed and paid the Sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds for his services in that office as Town Clerk, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due and to commence from the first of March last

[**452.**] Voted, that the Selectmen be requested to provide Ushers for the publick Schools where they shall think necessary, and to allow Adequate Salaries therefor, not exceeding one half of what the Several Masters have Already had Voted them —

Voted, that the Sum of one Shilling and Six pence ℔ Day be

allowed by the Selectmen to the Assessors in Addition to the Seven Shillings & Six Pence, Voted, for them in March last for their Services the present Year

Voted, that the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds be raised by a Tax to be Assessed on the Poles and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to defray the Charges of the Year ensuing —

Voted, that all Matters & Things which remain unfinished at this Meeting be referred over to the Next General Meeting that may be called then to be Acted upon

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

[**453.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in Publick Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 4th Day of July Anno Domini 1785 — 10 O : Clock in the Forenoon —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

The Inhabitants having brought in their Votes for a Moderator as directed by the Selectmen and the same having been sorted, it appeared that
The Honble : John Hancock Esqr : was chosen Moderator of this Meeting unanimously

The Committee Appointed by the Town the 5th. of July last to Apply to a Proper Gentelman to deliver an Oration on the 4 of July Instant (in such place as the Town shall determine to be most convenient for the purpose) it being a Day ever Memorable in the Annals of this Country for the Declaration of our Independance

Reported,
That they had made choice of John Gardiner Esqr. to deliver an Oration on the 4th of July Instant, who had accordingly Accepted of that service —

The Town having taken into consideration when and where, would be the best time & place to have the Oration pronounced

Voted, that the Oration be delivered at the Chappel at 12 O'Clock leave having been Obtained therefor —

[**454.**] Voted, that John Brown Esqr.
John Andrews
William Cunningham

be a Committee to waite on John Gardiner Esqr: & Acquaint him that it is the desire of the Town, that the *Oration* may be delivered at the Chappel at 12. O. Clock

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to 12. OClock, then to Meet at the Chappel —

12 O. Clock Met at the Chappel according to Adjournment —

AN ORATION

To commemorate the Independance of the United States of America, was delivered by John Gardiner Esqr: at the Stone Chappel Church to a large & crowded Assembly —

On a Motion Voted, that the
Selectmen
be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to wait on John Gardiner Esqr: and in the Name of the Town to thank him for the learned & elegant *Oration* this Day delivered by him at the request of the Town upon the Anniversary of the Independance of United States of America in which according to the Intention of the Town, he considered the feelings Manners and principles which lead to that great National Event — And to request of him a Copy thereof for the Press

On a Motion Voted, that the
Gentelmen the Selectmen
be and hereby are appointed a Committee to Apply to some one Learned and Able Gentelman to deliver an *Oration* on the 4th of July 1786. that Day being the Anniversary of the INDEPENDANCE of the United States of America, wherein the Orator is to consider [**455.**] the feelings, Manners, and principles which lead to this great National Event as well as the important & happy effects whether general or domestic, which have Already and will forever continue to flow from that Auspicious Epoch

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Fryday the 2^{d} Day September Anno Domini 1785 — 3 O'Clock Afternoon —

Warrant for calling the meeting - - - - read

Thomas Daws Esqr:
chosen, Moderator of this Meeting by a Hand Vote

The Committee to Revise the By Laws of this Town not being ready to Report, it was moved & Voted, that said Committee be desired to Attend that Business immediately; and Report at the Adjournment

The Article in the Warrant, Viz^{t}: To consider the Application of a Number of the Inhabitants for Widening the Street leading from Faneuil Hall to State Street," was read — whereupon Voted,

That, M^{r}. William Powell
M^{r}. Brown
M^{r}. Miller

be a Committee to Confer with M^{r}. Wendell & M^{r}. Tisdell relative to the Land to be given for the enlargement of the Street & to Report immediately

The Committee to wait on M^{r}: Tisdale gave in his proposals in writing, which are as follows. Viz^{t}.

[**456.**] Boston September 2^{d} 1785 — This is to Certify that I Will engage to give to the Town as much of my Land as to range from the North Corner of my Store to the Store belonging to the Town now occupied by M^{r}. Henry Prentice; that is on consideration M^{r}: Wendell's Store is set back on the same line as is above mentioned or in range with M^{r}. Austin's Store —

Judge Wendell Appeared in the Meeting & declared to the Inhabitants his rediness to give in for widining the Street, the Land allowed for by M^{r}. Scollay, on condition that he receives for the same the Sum that three Gentelmen mutually chosen shall determine to be reasonable for the Expence of taking down & repairing the front Wall of his Store which proposals were Approved of and Accepted by the Town —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}: "To consider what improvement shall be made of the Building on the East End of Market Square" — was read, and after debate it was

Voted, that it be left to the Selectmen to make such improvement of said Building for a Market as they shall Judge to be most for the interest of the Town —

The Petition of Benjamin Sumner Junr. for an abatement of Taxes was read & after debate it was moved & Voted, that said Petition together with the request of the Collectors be referred to the Assessors, for them to Act thereon as they shall Judge proper

The Report of the Committee relative to M^{r}. John Ballard late Clerk of Faneuil Market 'was read & considered — whereupon

moved & Voted, that this Report be Accepted [**457.**] and that the same together with the other Papers & M^{r}. Ballard Account in the Hands of the Selectmen be referred to them for a final Settlement, provided M^{r}. Ballard shall do and perform what the Selectmen may Judge necessary on his part for the receving of the Market Debts yet' outstanding —

Moved & Voted, that
John Sweetser
Edward Payne Esqr.
be Added to the Committee to consider what Money is still due to David Jeffries Esqr. late Town Treasurer, they to Report at the Adjournemenent

Adjourned To Fryday the 16th Day of September Inst: 3. O'Clock Afternoon —

Fryday the 16th September 3 O'Clock P: M: Met according to Adjournment —

The Committee for revising the By Laws not being ready to Report — The Town came into the following Vote — Viz^{t}: —

Whereas it Appears to the Town that the Committee Appointed to revise the By Laws of the Town, consist of a Number much too large and that the Gentelmen composing said Committee by reason of their Publick ingagements in addition to their necessary private avocations, will not probably be able to compleat the business in any reasonable time [**458.**] without injury either to the Publick or Others therefore

Voted, That the Members of said Committee be and hereby are excused from any further service relative to the said Affair also

Voted, that a Committee be appointed to revise the By Laws of the Town, and such Additions or alterations as may be Judged proper, the same to be laid before the Town as soon as may be —

Voted, that the Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.
Joseph Greenleaff Esqr.
Honble: James Sullivan Esqr.
Honble: Robert T. Payne Esqr.
John Gardner Esqr.
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid —

The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. "To consider whether Application shall be made to the General Court for their impowering Benjamin Henderson to Collect the Outstanding Taxes due to Abraham Savage a late Collector" — was read — whereupon —

Voted, that Application be made to the General Court to impower Benjamin Henderson to Collect the Outstanding Debtes committed to Mr. Abraham Savage to Collect for the Year 1772 & 1773, also,

Voted, that the Selectmen be Authorised and impowered to make Application accordingly

[**459.**] The present Committee on the late Town Treasurers Accompts, are desired to make Report relative to the Sum due to him as soon as may be —

That Clause in the Warrt: Vizt. "Whether the Town will enlarge the Premium to the first Engine at a Fire" — was read & considered — whereupon Voted, that said Premium be enlarged from thirteen shillings & 4d. to twenty shillings lawful Money —

The Petition of Mr. Peter Edes "praying an Allowance on Paper and Printing the Proceedings of the Merchants Traders & Others of the Town of Boston" — was considered — whereupon Voted, that it be left to the Selectmen to make him such Allowance as for the work done as they shall Judge proper —

Voted, that all Matters & things which remain unfinished at this Meeting be & hereby are referred to the next General Town Meeting that may be called, then to be acted upon —

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to Thomas Daws Esqr. for his good services as Moderator of this Meeting.

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

[**460.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 26th Day of October Anno Domini 1785. 10, O'Clock. A :M :

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

The Inhabitants having as directed brought in their Votes for a Moderator, it Appeared, that the Honble : Samuel Adams Esqr. was chosen Moderator of this Meeting unanimously —

A Petition, that it might be made a Question, "Whether this Town shall be Incorporated with City Priviledges" — was read and a Motion made for its being dismissed — did not Obtain —

It was then moved that a Committee be Appointed to take this Petition into consideration — And to Report a Plan for the future Goverment of the Town, to be laid before the Town for their consideration — the Question being put — Passed in the Affirmative —

Voted, that the Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.
D^r^. Charles Jarvis Esqr.
John Lucus Esqr.
Thomas Daws Junr. Esqr.
John Gardiner Esqr.
Joseph Barrell Esqr.
[**461.**] William Tudor Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P : M :

3. OClock P : M : Met according to Adjournment —

The Petition of Alexander Thomas with the Papers accompanying it was red — whereupon

Voted, that Ezekiel Price Esqr.
M^r^. Alexander Hill
John Gardiner Esqr.
be a Committee to take said Petition & Papers under consideration, and Report to the Town at the Adjournment —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^t^: "To consider whether any Measures shall be taken respecting the Granary — was read, whereupon

Voted, that Messrs: John Andrews
Thomas Walley
Jeremiah Belknap
be a Committee to take this matter into consideration, and to Report at the Adjournment

The Article in the Warrant Viz^t^. —
Whether Lynn Street and Ferry way Street shall be widned" — was read — whereupon moved, and

Voted, that a Committee be Appointed to take this matter into consideration and Report to the Town what is best to be done at the Adjournment

[**462.**] Voted, that the Gentelmen the Selectmen be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid —

Moved & Voted, that the consideration of the Committee ap-

pointed to Revise the By Laws be referred untill the Committee Appointed in the Forenoon to take into consideration the Report of a Number of the Inhabitants, that it might be a Question — "Whether the Town shall be made a Corporation with City Priviledges shall make their Report — also

Voted, that the Committee to make a Revision of the By Laws be desired to have a fair Draught taken at the charge of the Town —

Voted, that when this Meeting is Adjourned, it shall be to this Day fortnight being Wednesday the 9th of November next, 10' O'Clock A : M : and that the Committee to consider the Report of the Inhabitants this Day Appointed be desired to Report at the Adjournment —

Then the Meeting was accordingly Adjourned —

Wednesday 10th. O'Clock A : M : Met according to Adjournment

The Committee Appointed to take into consideration the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants that it may again be made a Question, Whether the Town shall be Incorporated with City Priviledges — Reported

[**463.**] That the Committee having repeatedly met and considered the said Petition could not agree upon any Plan for the future goverment of the Town —

It was moved, & the Question being accordingly put, Whether the Report of the Committee to make Revision of the By Laws be now read did not obtain —

The Above Question being again put Passed in the Affirmative

It was then moved & Voted, that a Committee be appointed to state the defects in the present Constitution of the Town and to Report how far the same may be remedid without having the Town Incorporated as a City, & how far and in what manner they or any of them may be cured by such Incorporation —

Voted, that the Honble. Samuel Adams Esqr.
Honble : James Sullivan Esqr.
William Tudor Esqr.
Dr : Charles Jarvis
Joseph Barrel Esqr. (excused)
John Gardiner Esqr.
Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Thomas Crafts Esqr.

Ezekiel Price Esqr. (excused)
Perez Morton Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
Thomas Daws Junr. Esqr.
Benj^{a}: Hitchbourn Esqr.
John Lucas Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph Russell
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid

[**464.**] The Committee Appointed to take into consideration the Petition of Alexander Thomas Collector with the Papers Accompanying them — Report

That having met and heard the Petitioners and taking the Papers accompanying the same under consideration are of Opinion that the Town cannot by Law Liberate the Petitioner from present confinement, he standing committed by force of an execution issued by the State Treasurer for the Sum of £504 ,, 2/ — part of the State Tax committed to him to Collect — The Committee are further of Opinion should the Town interfere in Matters of this kind, it might involve them in great difficulties —

The aforegoing Report having been read & considered, the Question was put whether the Same shall be Accepted — passed in the Affirmative —

Adjourned to Wednesday the 30th of November Ins^{t}: 10 — O'Clock A : M : then to meet at this Place

Wednesday November 30th — 10 — O'Clock A : M : Met According to Adjournment —

The Committee Appointed to State the Defects in the present Constitution of the Town, and to report how far the same may be remedid without having the Town Incorporated as a City, and how far and in what Manner they or any of them may be cured by such Incorporation — "Reported, that having had three Meetings & fully considered the Matter contained in their Commission, have directed me to Report as follows Viz^{t}: — That the Committee do not Report any [**465.**] defects in the present Constitution of The Town" — whereupon, it was moved & Voted, that the consideration of said Report be deferred for 15 Minuetes, in expectation that the Meeting will then be fuller —

The Committee to whom was committed the several Reports of Other Committees, relative to a settlement of what was due to David Jeffries Esqr. for all his past services, have Attended that business, and After examining the Reports of the Other Committees, & the Accompts settled by the last Committee, and having duly considered the same are of Opinion that there is Justly due

to David Jeffries Esqr. late Town Treasurer for all his past services, "till the time he resigned, the Sum of Six hundred & eighty Pounds 8/4^{d} Specie, which he ought to have received in December 1783, which was the time the last Committee made their Report — and that the present Treasurer be directed to give him Negotiable Notes on Interest for the same —

All which is submitted
Thomas

The aforegoing Report having been read & Amended in Meeting — the Question was put. Viz^{t}. Whether the Town Accept of said Report thus Amended — Passed in the Affermative — Mem^{o}. Interest to commence the 30th November 1785

The Report Relative to Incorporation again taken up, and After debate had thereon the Question was put — Whether the Report shall be Accepted — Passed in the Affirmative

On a Motion Voted, that the Petitioners for an Incorporation of the Town have leave to withdraw their Petition —

[**466.**] The Committee to revise the By Laws of the Town Reported a Revision — after debate it was moved that the same be printed passed in the Negative —

Moved and Voted that when this Meeting is Adjourned it shall be to Tuesday next being the 6th of December next 9 O'Clock in the Forenoon for the consideration of the By Laws Reported — and that the reading of said Report commence precisely at 10 O'Clock —

And the Meeting was accordingly Adjourned —

Tuesday the 6th Day of December 9 O'Clock, Forenoon, Met according to Adjournment —

At 10. O'Clock the reading of the By Laws commenced, and several of them having been considered by paragraphs and approved of, at 7 O : Clock in the Evening, Adjourned to to Morrow Morning 9. O'Clock before noon —

Wednesday the 7th Day of December 9 O'Clock A : M : Met According to Adjournment

The consideration of the By Laws Again taken up —

It is Voted, and Ordered that the Selectmen be and hereby are Instructed [**467.**] to prepare a By [law] relative to the regulation of the Market and Report the same to the Town as soon as may be —

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock in the Afternoon

3. O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment —

The By Laws still under consideration

Adjourned to to Morrow Morning 9 O'Clock —

Tuesday 9 O'Clock, Forenoon met According to Adjournment —

The reading and consideration of the By Laws continued and a Number of the Laws approved of as by the Original Draught of By Laws will appear —

All the foregoing By Laws having been severally read and debated in paragraphs & passed by the Town, ORDERED, that the Selectmen together with the Honble : T. Payne Esqr. Honble. James Sullivan Esqr. be a Committee to present them to the Court of Quarter Sessions next to be holden at Boston for the County of Suffolk in order for their approbation —

It is *Ordered* that this Meeting be Adjourned to Wednesday the 28th of December Instant at 10 'O'Clock A : M : and that the Committee for revising and Amending the By Laws of the Town do in the mean time prepare such other *Orders* or *By Laws* to be laid before the Town as are already directed, with [**468.**] such Others as they shall think for their necessary for the future good goverment of the Town, & that they Report the same to the Town at such Adjourned Meeting — and that they cause such By Laws as have now passed the Town and have been so altered as to require to be recopied fair in their Opinion to be so recopied fair in their Opinion & be so recopied at the expence of the Town —

And the Meeting was Adjourned accordingly —

Wednesday the 28th of December 10. O'Clock A : M : Met according to Adjournment —

The Committee to prepare a New Code of By Laws for the good goverment of the Town, Reported, other By Laws, which were Accepted by the Town, and the Committee chosen at the last Meeting were directed to present them to the Court of Sessions for their Approbation, as by Attested Copies of said By Laws on file will Appear

Moved & *Voted* that all Matters & things unfinished at this Meeting unfinished at this Meeting be referred over to the next General Town Meeting that may be called —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved —

[**469.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 25th. Day of January A : D : 1786 —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Requirement of two Justices of the Peace Quorum Unus Honble : Joseph Greenleaff & John Brown Esqr : for convening the Inhabitants, for the choice of a County Treasurer, in the room of David Jeffries Esqr. deceased — also, read —

The Honble : Samuel Adams Esqr.
was chosen Moderator of this Meeting by a Hand Vote —

Votes, for a County Treasurer were received and sealed up in Town Meeting, and then delivered to Mr. Constable Smith, to be by him returned to Joseph Greenleaf & John Brown Esqrs : at the Court House in Boston on the first Day of February next

The Article in the Warrant Vizt. — "To Act upon such of the By Laws as have not met with the Approbation of the Honble : the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace — was read — whereupon Moved &

Voted, that John Gardiner Esqr.
Joseph Greenleaff Esqr.
be a Committee to enquire of Ezekiel Price Esqr. [**470.**] Clark of the Sessions, which of the By Laws, if any such there be which have been presented for their Approbation, have not been Approbated by them —

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to Fryday nex — 3- O'Clock P : M : before which the Town Clark was directed to give to the Assessors an Other Attested Copy of a Town Vote relative to Benja : Sumner Jur. & Other Assessors which passed the 2d. of Septemr. last

Fryday, 3, O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment —

The Committee to enquire of the Clerk of the Sessions, what By Laws had been disapprobated Reported — wereupon

The By Laws relative to Carriages Drawn thro' the Town, which was disapproved of by the Sessions, being read and amended, the Committee Appointed at a former Meeting, was directed to present this Order or By Law as thus amended to the Court of Sessions for their Approbation —

The Law relative to Cart & Truck Wheels which had been disapproved, was also read & as amended, the said Commee : were directed to present it to the Sessions for their Approbation

It was moved & Voted, that the Committee aforesaid present again the Law relative to Strangers, and in case it should be disapproved by the Sessions that the Law now in force be inserted in the Codes of Laws ordered to be printed —

[**471.**] Moved & Voted, that the Committee for revising & preparing a Code of By Laws for the Goverment of this Town be directed that in case it shall Appear that in case it shall Appear that any of the Laws of this Commonwealth or the former By Laws of the Town, which they may Apprehend to be Necessary for the better goverment of the Town & which they may have overlooked be by them inserted in the Code of Laws, which the Town have passed, and ordered to be Printed —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

[Pages 472 & 473 are repetitions (in original) of page 470 & 471.]

[**474.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in publick Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuiel Hall on Monday the 13th Day of March Anno Domini 1786 — 10 OClock Forenoon

Prayer was made by the Revd : Mr : Stillman

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Sundry Laws for enjoined to be read at this Meeting were accordingly — read

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for a Moderator of this Meeting, and the Same being brought and Sorted

It appeared, that the
Honble : Samuel Adams Esqr.
was chosen —
William Cooper Esqr.
was chosen Town Clark for the Year ensuing and took the Oath for the faithful discharge of his Duty, which Oath was administered to him by Mr. Justice Price

The Town having determined by a Vote to choose nine Selectmen the Inhabitants withdrew & were then directed [**475.**] to bring in their Votes for that Number, and the same being brought in and sorted; it Appeared that the following Gentlemen — Vizt. —

John Scollay Esqr:
Ezekiel Price Esqr:
Harbottle Dorr Esqr:
John Brown Esqr:
Capt: Edward Tyler
M^{r}. John Andrews
M^{r}. Moses Grant
M^{r}. William Cunningham
Thomas Walley Esqr.

Moved & Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to the Gentelmen Who served the Town the last year (as Selectmen) for their good and faithful services the last year in that Office —

The Inhabitants withdrew and brought in their Votes for a Town Treasurer and upon sorting them it appeared, that
M^{r}: Peter Boyer
was chosen Town Treasurer for the Year ensuing

The following Extract from the Will of the late worthy Treasurer David Jeffries Esqr. was handed into the Moderator of the Meeting by the [**476.**] Executor, and being read to the Inhabitants, it was moved & Voted that the same be entered on the Records of the Town —

The Extract is as follows — Viz^{t}: —

"For as much as the Town of *Boston* has done me the honor of Electing me to the Office of *Town Treasurer* in constant succession from the Year of our Lord 1750 to 1781 — inclusive, and whereas the said Town of *Boston* have also honored me with their suffrages for the Office of *Treasurer* for *the County* of *Suffolk*, since the Year 1778 my *Will* is and I do *Give* Divise & Bequeath to the said Town of *Boston two hundred Acres* of my Lands, at Kennebeck — Viz^{t}. — The Lot of Land in *Pond Town* (so called) in the County of Lincoln, being one Mile long and one hundred Poles wide, and contains *two hundred Acres*, more or less, and is called Lot No. 39 — and was assigned by the *Kennebeck Proprietors* as by their Vote & Grant the 12th Day of December 1770 and their Plan dated June 11th. 1776 may more fully Appear the said Land to be wholly under the directions & care of the Overseers of the Poor for the time being, or the Major Part of them who are hereby Authorized & impowered to Sell or Let the same or otherwise improve the said Land as they shall Judge to be most for the benefit of the Town, the Monies or Profits, arrising from the Rent or the Interest of the Money or or Profits arising from the Sale of said Lands to be applied Annually forever to purchase [**447.**] *Tea Chocolate & Sugar* for the refreshment of those Persons who in the Providence of God

are or shall be reduced & obliged to take shelter in the *Alms-house* after having lived respectably, the Overseers of the Poor to be the Judges as to the Persons, but always giving the preference to the Pious Poor" —

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock P. M.

3 O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment —

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for twelve Constables, and the same being sorted, it appeared, that

Messrs : Benjamin Homans
Samuel Whitney
Pool Spear
Shubael Hews
William Patten
Jacob Good
James Williams
John Cade
John Bartlet
Francis Booth
Samuel Smith
John Butterfield

were chosen Constables for the Year ensuing.

[**478.**] Person Voted, for as a County Register with the Number of Votes for each Person Viz^{t} —

	Votes
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.	350
M^{r}. Nathaniel Green	470
Thomas Crafts Esqr.	2
Samuel Ruggles Esqr.	1
M^{r}. Jacob Cooper	13

Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as a County Register for the County of Suffolk were committed to the Clerk of the Sessions, and the Inclosures sealed up in Town Meeting subscribed as follows — Viz^{t} —

To the Clerk of the Sessions for the County of Suffolk —

The Number of Votes of the Town of Boston for a County Register for the County of Suffolk Certified within and sealed up in Town Meeting —

Votes, for a County *Treasurer*, were received & sealed up in Town Meeting and then delivered to Constable Smith to be by him returned to the Court of General Sessions of the Peice at their next Meeting —

Voted, that John Sweetser Esqr.
Nathl. Appleton Esqr.
Col^{o}. Tuder —
Col^{o}. Dudley Sergeant
Thomas Walley Esqr.
[**479.**] be a Committee to Estimate what may be the Expences of the present year; as also to enquire into the services of the several Salary Men, — to Report at the intended Adjournment of this Meeting next Wednesday seven Night 10 O'Clock — A. M — and the Town Clark is directed to give Notice thereof in the Public Papers —

Selectmen
Appointed a Committee to visit the Public Schools the ensuing Year —

M^{r}. Josiah Torrey's Petition — read — whereupon — Voted, that the same be referred for consideration to the Committee Appointed to bring in an Estimate — to Report at the Adjournment the 22^{d}. March Ins^{t}.

The Petition relative to Sea Street read — whereupon Voted, — that

M^{r}. Thomas Denny
Shrimpton Hutchinson Esqr.
M^{r}. William Parsons
be a Committee to enquire who are the Proprietors of the Wharff and Report what may be proper to be done thereon

M^{rs}: Margaret Parker's Petition — read whereupon, Voted that

Honble: James Sullivan Esqr:
John Gardiner Esqr.
William Tudor Esqr:
be a Committee to consider the same and to Report thereon at the Adjournment the 22 March Ins^{t}: —

[**480.**] Adjourned to to Morrow 9. O'Clock

Tuesday 9. O: Clock Met According

The Request of Alexander Thomas late Collector was read — whereupon —

Voted, that the Honble: James Sullivan Esqr:
John Gardiner Esqr:
William Tudor Esqr:
be a Committee to consider the same & Report at the Adjournment —

The Article in the Warrant, relative to the Inchroachments on

Towns Land near Olivers Dock Together with the Petition handed in on that matter to the Selectmen for calling a Meeting — read — whereupon Voted, that, the Selectmen together with Judge Sullivan, be a Committee to take this Matter up at large and Report at the Adjournment —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. Whether Measures shall immediately be come into for widening the Street leading from Charlestown Ferry to Winnesimit Ferry" — read and committed to the Selectmen — to Report at the Adjournment

The Request of the Proprietors of Land on the Neck" that their bounds on the West side of the Neck should be extended," — read, and committed for consideration to the Selectmen, they to Report at the Adjournment

[**481.**] The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants, "that the Town will take into consideration the mode of letting the Hay Engine" — read & committed to the Selectmen they to Act thereon as in their Judgment they shall think meat conducive to Justice & for the benefit of the Town

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}: — What measures shall be taken relative to the old Continental Bills now in the Treasurey" — read whereupon Voted that

Nathl: Appleton Esqr:
Edward Payne Esqr.
Stephen Higginson Esqr.

a Committee to take this matter into Consideration — & Report at the Adjournment

The Article relative to Deliquent Collectors — read & on a Motion, referred for consideration to the Adjournment —

Moved & Voted, that the choice of Wardens, be referred to the Adjournment as also of Another Constable - -

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for sixteen Fire Wards; and the same being brought in and sorted, it Appeared that —

William Cooper Esqr:
Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr:
Edward Proctor Esqr.
M^{r}. John Lowell
[**482.**] M^{r}. James Tileston
Capt. Gustavus Fellows — excused
Thomas Melville Esqr.
M^{r}. John Winthrop
Jabez Hatch — Esqr.

Capt. John Ballard
Andrew Syms Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Clark
Mr. Jacob Rhodes
Samuel Brick Esqr.
Mr. Henry Bass
Colo. John May
were chosen Fire Wards for the Year ensuing

The following Persons were chose Clerks of the Market for the year ensuing —

Messrs. Moses Black
Francis Wright
Richard Codman
Nathl: Glover — declines
Daniel Sears
Saml. W. Hunt
Elisha Doane
Thomas Appleton
William Gray
John Wells
Thomas Perkins
Jonathan Freeman Jur.

The Town having determined that five Collectors of Taxes should be chosen the Inhabitants as directed withdrew & brought in their Votes accordingly & upon sorting them it Appeared that —

[483.] Mr. William Lowder
Gyles Harris Esqr.
Mr. Moses May
Samuel Ruggles Esqr.
Capt. William Fleet
were chosen Assessors for the Year ensuing

The Votes, being brought in for a Clerk of Fanuiel Hall Market, upon sorting them it Appeard that
Mr. Matthew Nazro
was chosen Clerk of said Market — unanimously

Moved & Voted, that the Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, shall receive as a recompence for his services one third part of the Money he shall Collect the ensuing Year of the Market People without Doors — and also the same for what he Collected the last Year —

Moved & Voted, that
Colo: Dudley Sergeant
John Sweetser Esqr.
Mr. John Andrews

be a Committee to wait on the State Treasurer and to desire him to Acquaint the Town what Sums are still due from the several Collectors

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for twelve Overseers of the Poor, and the Votes having been brought in and sorted, it appeared, that

The

[484.] Honb^le^. William Phillips Esqr.
Isaac Smith Esqr.
M^r^. Jonathan Mason Esqr.
M^r^. Samuel Whitwell
John White Esqr.
Edward Proctor Esqr.
William Powell Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
M^r^. Henry Prentice
M^r^. Jonathan L. Austin
M^r^. Samuel Parkman
M^r^. Edward Edes

were chosen Overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing —

Messrs. John Champney
Joseph Buttler
Henry Blaisdell
Joseph Ballard
Benjamin Page
James Rogers
Joseph Rogers-Eyres
Clement Collins
Abraham Hayward
Samuel Fenno

were chose Surveyor's of Boards for the Year ensuing —

Messrs. Benjamin White
Andrew Townsend Ju^r^.
[485.] Thomas Uran
Edmund Ranger
Abijah Crane

were chosen Fence Viewers for the Year ensuing

Messrs. Samuel Bangs
James Bruce
Thomas Bradley
Samuel Hicks

were chosen Sealers of Leather for the year ensuing —

M^r^. Adam Colson

was chosen an Informer of Dear for the year ensuing —

Messrs: Samuel Harris
Arthur Langford
John McElroy
Capt. Manassah Master
Daniel Bell
Caleb Hayden
John Owen
Job Wheelwright
Samuel Healey
Edward Burt
Henry Parks
Joshua Pico
were chose Collectors of Staves for the Year ensuing —

Messrs: John Skinner
Jacob Edes
William Tate
were chosen Hogreeves for the Year ensuing

[**486.**] Messrs: George Hambleton
Samuel Curtis
were chosen Haywards for the year ensuing

The Committee to waite on the State Treasurer, Reported as on file —

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock in the Afternoon —

3. O Afternoon, Met According to Adjournment —

Voted, that Edward Payne Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph Russel
Capt. William Parsons
Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Samuel Ruggles Esqr..
be and hereby appointed a Committee to Audit the Accompt of the Town Treasurer and also the Accompt of the Overseers of the Poor, and that they make Report at the next March Meeting, and the said Committee are desired to Report from time to time a State of the Treasurey and many Matters relating to the Treasurey or Overseeres of the Poor which they may think proper, and the said Committee are also desired to examine the Draughts of the Selectmen and the Vouchers for the same and its further [**487.**] Voted that Interest be allowed to such of the Overseers of the Poor as shall advance Money for the Use of the Poor for the expiration of the year untill paid —

Selectmen
Appointed Sur[ve]yers of High Ways
Messrs: Thomas Green
John Skinner
were chosen Assay Masters for the year ensuing —

Moved & Voted that the Selectmen be directed to make suitable provision for the impownding of Horses & also Hogs for the North part of the Town, the Northward of the Bridge — and

John Skinner
was chosen a Hayward for said District for the purpose of impownding Horses

John White Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
were chosen Surveyers of Wheat & Flour for the Year ensuing —

Consideration of Collectors Premium and what shall be allowed the Assessors referred to the Adjournment —

Moved & Voted, that
Dudley Sargeant Esqr.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
Thomas Crafts Esqr:
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Edward Procter Esqr.
[**488.**] be a Committee to confer with the Assessors with respect to the time the Assessors should set to make Abatements — to Report at the Adjournm^{t}. —

Adjourned to Wednesday the 22^{d} of March Ins^{t}: —

Wednesday the 22^{d} of March, 10.'O'Clock A: M: Met according to Adjournment

M^{r}. John McLane
was chosen a Constable for the Year ensuing

M^{r}: Joseph Dyer
was chosen a Surveyer of Boards for the ensuing Year —

Paul D. Sergeant Esqr.
was chosen a Fire Ward — unanimously —

Messrs: Samuel Cobb
Thomas L Wenthrop — excused
were Chosen Clerks of the Market for the Year ensuing —

The Committee Appointed to consider what Measures shall be immediately taken for widening the Street leading from Charlestown Ferry to Winnesimet Ferry Report that the Town widen the same Street so as that said Street be fortey feet in wedth provided the Abutters on said Street release their right in the Lands Necessary for that purpose without any Expence to the Town for the said Land —

[**489.**] The foregoing Report having been read & Amended

— Voted, that the same be Accepted and the Selectmen Authorised & empowered to proceed in widing said Street —

The Committee on the request of the Proprietors of Land on Boston Neck —
Report —
That said Proprietors, have ever Since run Parallel thro' their Lots on both sides the Street on condition that said Proprietors at their own Expence built a sufficient Stone Wall on the West side of the Neck to secure the same & prevent the inroads of the Sea from the Street to the Bluffs near Gravelly Point so called, and that said Proprietors keep the same Wall in good Repair at all times hereafter —

The foregoing Report having been read & considered. Voted, that the same be accepted and the Selectmen are hereby Authorised & impowered to give a Deed of said Land in behalf of the Town Accordingly —

The Comm^{ee}: to Audit Town Treasurer Accounts & having Reported — the Report was read

The Committee to Estimate the Sum necessary to be raised to defrey the Expencies of the Present Year & to consider [**490.**] what Sums will be proper to grant to the several Officers, in pay of the Town — Reported, and the same being considered — as also the Report of the Committee to Audit the Accounts of the Town Treasurer, the Town came into the following Resolutions —

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred Ninety five Pounds be allowed & paid unto M^{r}. Samuel Hunt for his Salary the present Year the same to commence the 1st: of March Ins^{t}: and to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due —

Voted, that the Sum of one hundred Ninety five Pounds, be allowed and paid unto M^{r}. Nathaniel Davis for his Salary the present Year, the same to commence the 1st. of March Ins^{t}: and to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due —

306 Persons present.

Voted, that the Sum of one hundred & Seventy pounds be allowed & paid unto M^{r}. John Tyleston for his Salary as Master of the North Grammer School the present Year, the same to be paid Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence from the 1st. of March Ins^{t}:

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred and Seventy Pounds be allowed & paid unto M^{r}. James Carter, for his Salary as Master of the Writing School in Queen Street the present Year the same to be paid him Quarterly & to commence from the 1^{t}. of March Ins^{t}.

[**491.**] Voted, that the Sum of One hundred & Seventy Pounds be allowed and paid unto M^{r}. John Vinal for his Salary as Master of the Writing School in the Common the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence the 1^{t}. of March Ins^{t}. —

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred & Seventy Pounds be allowed & paid unto M^{r}. Samuel Cheney for his Salary as Master of the New Writing School at the North End, the present Year the to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, & to commence the 1st. of March Ins^{t}.

Voted, that M^{r}. John Tileston Master of the North Writing School be allowed for House Rent the present year the Sum of forty Pounds, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence the first of March Ins^{t}: —

Adjourned to 3'O'Clock P: M
3'O'Clock. Town Met

Voted, that M^{r}. Nathaniel Davis Master of the North Grammer School be allowed for House Rent the present Year, the Sum of Forty Pounds the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence at the expiration of the last Quarter —

Voted, that M^{r}. John Vinal Master of the Writing School in the Common be allow'd [**492.**] for House Rent the present Year, the Sum of Forty Pounds, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence from the 1^{t}. of March Ins^{t}. —

Voted, that M^{r}. Samuel Cheney Master of the New Writing School at the North End, be allowed for House Rent the present Year, the Sum of Forty Pounds, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence the 1st. of March Ins^{t}. —

Voted, that M^{r}. Samuel Payson Usher of the South Grammer School, be allowed & paid the Sum of Ninety Seven Pounds ten Shillings for the present the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due —

Voted, that the 3 Ushers of the Writing Schools Viz^{t}: M^{r}: Tileston M^{r}. Carter's & M^{r}. Vinals be allowed for their Salaries Eighty five Pounds ℔ Annum each the same to be paid Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence from the 1st. of March Ins^{t}: —

Voted, that the Six Masters of the Public Schools have ten Cords of Wood each provided for them by the Selectmen —

[**493.**] Voted, that one of the Town Watches be laid aside, and that the Selectmen settle it with the other Watchmen the allowance they are to receive —

Voted, that the Allowance to the Assessors be seven Shillings & Six pence ℔ Day, for the time they may set in doing the Business of their Office

Voted, that William Cooper be allowed & paid the Sum of One hundred & thirty Pounds for his services as Town Clerk the Year ensuing the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence the 1st. of March Inst.

Voted, that Mr. Peter Boyer be allowed and paid the Sum of One hundred and thirty Pounds for his services as Treasurer the prest Year the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence the 1st. of March Inst. —

Voted, that the Director of Lamps be allowed for his services Five Pounds ℔ Month untill further Orders of the Town —

280 Persons present

[**494.**] Voted, that the Sum of Seven thousand Pounds be raised by a Tax to be Assessed on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to defrey the Charges of the Year ensuing —

Moved & Voted, that that paragraph of the Report of the Committee to bring in an Estimate & which relates to the choice of Collectors, and if they find their Premium be referred to the Adjournment for consideration The Town Clerk is to give notice of this in the public Papers — and that the choice of Collectors of Taxes, be referred to the Adjournment

Mr. Benjamin White
was chosen a Surveyer of Boards & Shingles for the Year ensuing —

Mr. Jacob Eustes
chosen Clerk of the Market for the year ensuing

Moved & Voted, that the Constables be requested to Walk the Streets of this Town on the Lords Day's agreeably to a former practice, taking with them some of the Inhabitants on those Walks as a means to prevent disorders on the Sabbath more especially in the time of Divine service —

The Report of the Committee relative to Sea Street read whereupon —

Voted, that the Selectmen [be] requested to enquire into the

Nature & Tenor of the Deeds of the Abuttors, and if they find that they then Report the same to the Town but if otherwise, that they then proceed in making necessary Repairs in the Usual manner —

[**495.**] The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Margaret Parker — read — and recommitted, and Mr. James Bayley added to said Committee; who are desired to Report at the Adjournment —

Adjourned to Tuesday next 9. O'Clock, in the Forenoon —

Tuesday the 28th. of March 9. O.Clock A : M : met according to Adjournment —

Capt : William McNeil
Mr. Edward How
were chose Surveyers of Hemp for the Year ensuing

Voted, that the Assessors be and hereby are empowered & directed to sit for such Abatement of Taxes as they shall Judge reasonable two Days in each Weck for the delivery of the Tax Bills to the Collectors for the space of six Weeks, and no longer, saving that they be allowed to set the last Week in February Lords Day excepted for the Abatement of the Taxes of such Persons as had not an Oppertunity of applying in the Above limetted time, by reason of their being out of the Commonwealth, or any other unavoidable hinderance, and that the Assessors determin upon the said two Days, which is to be noted on the Tax Bill to be delivered the Inhabitants —

On the Report of the Committee on Mrs : Margaret Parker's Petition —

[**496.**] Voted, that it is the sense of the Town that the Assessors pursue the Measures prescribed in the Law respecting the case of the late Mr. Daniel Parker one of the Collectors of the Town of Boston for the Year 1784 & 1785

On the Report of the Committee on Mr. Alexander Thomas's Petition which was read & as part Accepted —

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to prosecute the Bondsmen of Mr. Alexander Thomas one of the late Collector of Taxes for such Taxes committed to him to Collect, as he has been deficient in Collecting

Voted, that the Assessors be directed to proceed with respect to the late Collector Alexander Thomas, in taking a List &c as the Law directs

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to suspend prosecuting Mr. Thomas's Bondsmen untill he shall have received, the Returns from the Assessors respecting the Taxes uncollected, which the Law directs

On Report of the Committee to Audit Accounts Moved & Voted, that a Committee be appointed to make enquirey whether the Justices of the Town have paid into the Town Treasurey the proportion of Fines the Town by Law is to receive from said Justices

[**497.**] Voted, that Mr. Jeremiah Belknap
William Story Esqr.
Mr. Samuel Whitwell
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid —

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to put in Suit the Bonds of all such Collectors as have been deficient in paying in the Sums committed to them to Collect previous to 1785 —

Voted, that no Person be chosen into the Office of a Collector that has not settled and paid into the State & Town Treasurey all the Taxes committed to him to Collect, prior to the Tax granted in 1785 —

The Question being put on that Paragraph of the Report of the Committee as Audit Town Treasurer's Accounts relative to a motion made of Collecting Taxes, passed in the negative —

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P. M

3. O : Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment —

On Mr. Jonaah Torreys Petition

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be impowered & directed to give Jonah Torrey a late Collector one or more Notes bearing Interest from the date of his settling his Accounts with the Selectmen for the Sum due to him from the Town on said Settlement

[**498.**] Mr : Samuel Ballard —
chosen a Hayward for the Year ensuing.

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for twelve Wardens, & the same being brought in & sorted it appeared that —

Messrs :	James Allen - - - - - - -	declined
	Nathaniel Jarvis - - - - -	do.
	Jacob Eustis - - - - - -	do.

Benjamin Jarvis - - - - - - d°.
Sylvanus Bourn - - - - - - d°.
John Lovel - - - - - - - - d°.
Simeon Mayo - - - - - - - d°.
Simeon Eliot Junr. - - - - - d°.
Martin B. Sohier - - - - - - d°.
Gilbert Deblois - - - - - - - d°.
James Carter - - - - - - - d°.
Benjamin Austin Ju^r. - - - - - d°.

were chose Wardens for the Year ensuing

Voted, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration what Premium shall be allowed the Persons who shall be chosen Collectors of Taxes for the year ensuing
Voted

Col°. D Sergeant
Samuel Ruggles
Edward Payne Esqr.

be a Committee for that purpose to Report at May Meeting —

[**499.**] Messrs: Thomas Bayley
James Thompson
Charles Williams
Benjamin Henderson

were chose Collectors of Taxes for the year ensuing

Adjourned to Monday next to meet in this Place immediately after the choice of Goverment & is declared —

3 O'Clock P: M: Met According to Adjournment —

All the Persons who were chosen into the Office of Wardens at the Adjournment having declined Serving they were by the Town the Day upon Application to them excused from serving in that Office —

Moved & Voted, that a Person Elected and empowered to Collect the Outstanding Taxes which have been committed to M^r. Alexander Thomas to Collect and which by reason of his being taken by execution he has been unable to compleat provided the Person so elected gives Bond for the faithful discharge of his Trust, to the Selectmen

M^r: Benjamin Henderson

was chosen by Ballot a Collector of Taxes for the purpose aforesaid —

Moved & Voted, that the Town Treasurer be desired to suspend putting M^r. Cudworths Bonds in Suit untill July term

[**500.**] Moved & Voted, that there be allowed & paid for

the said Benjamin Henderson five ℘ Cent for Collecting Mr. Thomas's outstanding Debts —

Moved & Voted, that the Town Treasurer be desired to suspend putting Mr. Cudworths Bonds in Suit untill July term

Moved & Voted, that the Town so far reconsider the Vote lately passed directing the Town Treasurer to put Mr. Grays Bonds in Suit, as that the Treasurer be now directed to suspend the same untill May next upon Condition that the Bondsmen shall pay all the Charge that may have arisen as to this Suit

It was moved that the same direction be given the Treasurer with respect to Mr. Thomas's Bonds — and the Question being put — passed in the Negative

about 165 Persons present

Voted, that the Assessors be directed to receive of Mrs. Catharin Gray a List of her late Husband Benjamin Grays outstanding Taxes, and make such Abatements thereon as they shall Judge reasonable —

Voted, that all matters & things which remaine unfinished at this Meeting be referred over to the General Town [meeting] in May next then to be Acted upon —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved —

[**501.**] At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Boston of Twenty one Years of Age and upwards, qualified as the Constitution prescribes and legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneiul [Hall] on Monday the 3d Day of April Anno Domini 1786 9. O'Clock A : M : —

Prayer was made by the Revd : Mr : Lothrop

Warrant for calling the Meeting read

Paragraph of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment, relative to choice of Governor & Senators, also read —

On a Motion Voted, that the Town will now come to the choice of a Governor Leut. Governor and six Senators for the County of Suffolk —

It was then declared by the Selectmen that no Vote would be received but such as are unfolded, and that they propose the Poll shall be closed at 12. O'Clock —

On a Motion Voted, that the severall Bells in the Town be set aringing ten Minutes befor 12. O'Clock

Persons *Voted*, for as *Governor* with the number of Votes for each Person Viz^{t}.

	Votes
His Excellency James Bowdoin Esqr.	765
Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.	1
Honble: John Hancock Esqr.	13
Capt. Job Prince	1

[**502.**] Persons Voted, for Lieu^{t}: *Governor*, with the Number of Votes for each Persons Viz^{t}.

	Votes
His Honor Thomas Cushing Esqr.	505
Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.	267
Honble: James Warren Esqr.	8
Honble: Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.	1
John Lucus Esqr.	1
M^{r}. Amos Hovey	1

Persons Voted, for as Senators for the County of Suffolk with the number of Votes for each Person — Viz^{t}: —

	Votes
His Honor Thomas Cushing Esqr.	278
Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.	720
Honble: William Phillips Esqr	744
Honble: Benjamin Austin Esqr.	375
Honble: Richard Cranch Esqr.	771
Honble: Cotton Tuffts Esqr.	762
Honble: John Lowell Esqr.	313
Honble: Stephen Metcalf Esqr	439
Honble: William Heath Esqr.	44
Honble: Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.	99
Honble: Jabez Fisher Esqr.	2
Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr	27
Honble: Jonathan Jackson Esqr.	5
Honble: Samuel A. Otis Esqr.	7
Thomas Dawes Esqr.	5
Honble: James Warren Esqr.	3
Honble: Samuel Nyles Esqr.	1
Benjamin Hitchborn Esqr.	1
Thomas Russell Esqr.	1
John C. Jones Esqr.	1
M^{r}. Elias Parkman	1
M^{r}. John Wear	1
Capt. John Hinckley	1
[**503.**] M^{r}. Samuel Whitwell	1
M^{r}. Jacob Edes	1

	Votes
Mr. Benjamin Hall - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1
Leonard Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1
Mr. Ebenezer Bridge - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1

Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as Governor, Lievt. Governor and Senators for the County of Suffolk were committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth, and the Inclousers sealed up in Town Meeting Superscribed as follows — Vizt. —

For
John Avery Esqr.
Secretary of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

The number of the Votes of the Town of Boston for a Governor Lieut. Governor & Six Senators for the County of Suffolk Certified within & Sealed up in Town Meeting —

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P : M
Met accordingly & then the Meeting was
dissolved

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuiel Hall on Tuesday the 9th. Day of May Anno Domini 1786 10. O : Clock A. M :

Prayer was made by the Revd : Mr. Wight

[**504.**] Warrant for calling the Meeting read

That part of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment which relates to the choice of Representatives - - - - read —

Sundry Laws to be read at said Meeting were Accordingly - - - - - - read —

The Town having determined to Choose Seven Persons to Represent them in the General Court of Massachusetts to be held at the State House at Boston the last Wednesday of May Currant Agreeably, to the Constitution or Frame of Goverment for the Massachusetts — The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Several Representatives and then it was declared by the Selectmen that no Votes should be received but such as were unfolded and that they propose the Poll should be closed at 12' O'Clock — the Assessors were requested to stand at the Door while the Inhabitants were giving in their Votes —

On a Motion, Voted, that all those Persons who Vote for Representatives shall on their giving in their respective Votes, enter into the Hall and there remaine, untill the Poll is closed —

The Votes being brought in for Seven Representatives, the number of the same were found to be Seven hundred sixty two [**505.**] And upon sorting them it appeared that the following Gentlemen were chosen by a Maiority of Votes — Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.	— 730
Samuel A. Otis Esqr.	— 667
Thomas Dawes Esqr.	— 750
Leonard Jarvis Esqr.	— 531
Samuel Brick Esqr.	— 630
Jonathan Mason Senr. Esqr.	— 454
John Coffin Jones Esqr.	— 570

Men^{o}. An Attested Copy dld
Caleb Davis Esqr.

The choice of Representatives being over and declared by the Selectmen, it was moved that a Moderator be chosen to preside at the Meeting for the choice of a County Register —

John Brown Esqr.
was chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote

Moved & Voted, that 4. o Clock P : M : be Assigned for bringing in & receiving Votes for a County Register —

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P. M be Assigned for bringing in & examining Votes

3 O'Clock P. M. Met according to Adjournment —

Moved & Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to collect count & sort the Votes in Town Meeting that shall be brought in for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk (error)

[**506.**] John Scollay Esqr.
Harbottle Dorr Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
John Brown Esqr.
Capt. Edward Tyler
M^{r}. John Andrews
M^{r}. Moses Grant
M^{r}. William Cunningham
M^{r}. Thomas Walley
were chosen to Collect sort & count the Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk the written Votes of each Person as were qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives having been by the said

John Scollay
Harbottle Dorr
Ezekiel Price

John Brown
Edward Tyler
John Andrews
Moses Grant
William Cunningham
Thomas Walley

collected, sorted and counted it appeared that the following Persons were Voted for as Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk and had the number of Votes set against their respective Names — Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Joshua Henshaw Esqr. - - - -	267
M^{r}. Nathaniel Green - - - - -	426
Stephen Miller Esqr. - - - - -	3
M^{r}. Jacob Cooper - - - - - -	3

[**507.**] The aforegoing Record was read in Town Meeting and exactly Copied, & Attested by the Town Clerk, & then sealed up in Town Meeting — On the Outside of the Paper the following was written Viz^{t}:

This Paper contains a Copy of the Records of the Votes of the Town of Boston for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk taken from the Town Book and sealed up by William Cooper Town Clerk —

To the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be held within & for the County of Suffolk on the first Tuesday of July A. D. 1786

Mem^{o}. said Paper was then delivered to Ezekiel Price Esqr. Clerk of the Court of General Sessions —

Then the Meeting was dissolved

There being other Articles contained in the Warrant, it was moved that a Moderator be chosen to preside while said Business was, transacting —

John Brown Esqr.

was chosen Moderator of the Meeting by a Hand Vote —

The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. To consider whether Instructions shall be given the Gentelmen who may be chosen to Represent this Town in the General Court the present Year" — was read whereupon — the Question was put — Passed in the Negative, About 300 Persons present

[**508.**] The Article in the Warrant relative to Capt. Silas Atkens House was read — whereupon

Voted, that Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Deacon Sharp
Timothy Newell Esqr.
be a Committee to view said House & Report what is proper to be done; at the Adjournment of this Meeting

The Petition of Thomas Beals, read & considered, whereupon Moved & Voted, that he have leave to withdraw his Petition — also Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to proceed in carrying the design of the Governors Donor into execution —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. Whether the Town will take Measures for building a Sea Wall on Ferry Street " — read — whereupon —

Moved & Voted, that a Committee be Appointed to view said Street, and confer with the Proprietors of the Bridge and the Abuttors, as to the proportion they will bear of the charge of said Wall; to Report the same at the Adjournment togethear with an Estimate of the Expence that will be occasioned by building said Wall —

Voted, that Thomas Craft Esqr.
Paul D Sergeant Esqr.
William Tudor Esqr.
Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Nathl. Barber Esqr.
[**509.**] be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid

The Petition of the several Sextons was read, and after debate the Question was put as moved for vizt. Whether they shall have leave to withdraw their Petition — Passed in the Negative —

Adjourned to Fryday next being the 12th Ins^{t}: 3 : O : Clock Afternoon —

Fryday the 12th Day of May Anno Domini 1786 — Met according to Adjournment

The Sextons Petition, again taken up and after, debate, the Question was put Viz^{t}. — Whether the Petitioners shall have leave to withdraw their Petition — Passed in the Affirmative —

The Committee Appointed to consider the Article in the Warrant relative to Capt. Atkins; House — Reported as their Opinion That it is not *expedient* for the Town to Adopt any measure — relative thereto — and the Question being put — Whether said Report shall be Accepted — Passed in the Affirmative

The Committee relative to Ferry Street & Reported verbally and gave in an Estimate of the charge, the building a Sea Wall

would Occasion — After some debate It was moved that said Committee be desired to Report again in writing at the Adjournment. [**510.**] also an Estamate of the charge of the Sea Wall — the Question was put for said referance but did not Obtain —

It was then Moved & Voted that the aforegoing Vote be reconsidered & that the Committee, Report as first moved at the Adjournment of this Meeting —

Moved & Voted, that when this Meeting is Adjourned it shall be to Wednesday the 17th Instt. 3. O'Clock P : M —

And the Meeting was accordingly Adjourned

Wednesday the 17th of May 3. O Clock P : M Met according to Adjournment —

The Report of the Committee relative to Justices Fines — read — whereupon, moved & Voted, that the Town Accept the Report & that the Report be Accepted & the Town Treasurer directed to Apply to the several Official Justices for payment of the Fines they have received as belongs to the Town

Mr. John Vinal's Petition read where
Voted, that Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Mr. John Deming
Thomas Dawes Esqr.
be a Committee to take the same into consideration and Report as soon as may be

Moved & Voted, that Mr. Benjamin Henderson be allowed five ℘ Cent for Collecting the Outstanding Debts of Mr. Daniel Parker a late Collector, deceased on all the Monies he shall Collect —

Moved, that this Meeting be Adjourned to 5. O. Clock this Afternoon —

[**511.**] At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston at Faneiul Hall Wednesday the 17th. of May 3 'O'Clock P : M :

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

John Brown Esqr : —
was chosen Moderator of this Meeting

The Article in the Warrant Vizt. "To consider and determin whether the Town will purchase any Part of Copes Hill with the

Beach or Flatts contigieous for the purpose of widening and repairing of Ferry Way Street — was read — whereupon

Moved & Voted, that the Selectmen be empowered and directed to purchase of the Artillery Company four Lots of Land on Cops Hill, for the purpose of widening & reparing of Ferry way Street; and for the further use of the Town; provided the Treasurer of the Company will convey to the Town all their Right Title & Interest to said Land Beach & Flatts for a Sum not exceeding two hundred Pounds — and that the Town Treasurer be directed in case the Selectmen purchase the same to give his Note to the Artillery Company on Interest for said Sum — and the Question being put passed in the Affirmative —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

[512.] Adjournment of March Meeting
3. O : Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment

The Committee relative to Ferry way Street; Reported — & handed into the Town an Estimate of the charge of a Sea Wall — the same having been read & considered it was moved &

Voted, That the Selectmen he Authorised and directed to proceed in building a Stone Wall on Ferry Street with Capstons on the Top west to exceed ten feet from the present Wooden Wharff or Head, if the Abuttors previous to the being built will give from under hand & Seal, so much of their Land as to make the said Street forty feet in width including the aforementioned Stone Wall & Earth sufficient to fill up the same, and that the said Sea Wall shall begin at the New Ferry House & extend so far as Mr. Goodings Wharff which will make 470 feet in Length —

Moved that the Vote passed, not to Instruct the Representatives, be reconsidered — the Question being put — Passed in the Negative —

about 350

The Report of the Committee relative to Collectors Premium — read, whereupon —

Voted, that the consideration of this Report be referred to the next Town Meeting to be Notifyed thereof in the News Papers —

Moved, that that part of the By Law relative to Sextons, which requires a Badge be suspended — The Question being put Passed in the Affirmative

[513.] Voted, that all Matters & Things which remain un-

finished be referred over to the Next General Town Meeting to be called

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the 4th Day of July Anno Domini 1786 — 10. O'Clock in the Forenoon

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

The Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.
was chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote —

The Town being informed that M^r. Adams could not on Account of urgent business leave the Senate —

John Brown Esqr.
was chosen Moderator of the Meeting

The Committee appointed last year to make choice of a Gentelman to deliver an Oration on this Anniversey of Independance Reported

That they had made choice of M^r. Jonathan Loring Austin for the purpose aforesaid, who had Accepted to that service —

[**514.**] On a Motion Voted, that the Oration for the purpose aforesaid be delivered at the Chapel Church the 12th. O'Clock leave having been given for the same —

Voted, that Messrs: John Andrews
Ebenz^r: Hancock
Thomas Walley Esqr.
be a Committee to wait on M^r. Austin and Acquaint him with the aforegoing Vote —

The Meeting was Adjourned to Chapel Church —

12. O'Clock Met at the Chapel Church According to Adjournment —

AN ORATION

to commemorate the Independance of the United States, was delivered by M^r. Jonathan L. Austin at the Chapel Church to a large and crouded Assembly —

On a Motion, Voted that the
Selectmen

be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to wait on M^{r}. Jonathan Loring Austin and in the Name of the Town to Thank him for the Spirited & elagant Oration this Day delivered by him at the request of the Town upon the Anniversary of the Independance of the United States of America, in which According to the [**515.**] Institution of the Town, he considered the felings Manners and Principles which led to that great National Event — And to request of him a Copy thereof for the Press —

On a Motion Voted, that

The Gentelmen the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed a Committee to Apply to some one learned and able Gentelman to deliver an ORATION on the 4th of July A. D. 1787 that Day being the Anniversary of the Independance of the United States of America, wherein the Orator is to consider the feelings manners & principles which led to this great & National Event, as well as the important and happy Effects whether general or Domestick, which have already, and will forever continue to flow from that Auspicious Epoch

Then the Meeting was
dissolved —

[**516.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualefied & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuiel [Hall] on Thursday the 27th of July A. D 1786 — 9. O'Clock A : M —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

The Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.
was chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote —

On a Motion 4 O'Clock assigned for receiving the Votes for a County Treasurer & the Poll to be closed at 5. O'Clock P : M —

The Article in the Warrant relative to setting Fire to a Public Building on Dock Square on the Night of the 20th Ins^{t} : — was read whereupon

Voted, that John Gardiner Esqr.
Thomas Dawes Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph Russell
be a Committee to prepare a Vote which they may Judge proper for the Town to Pass, & to Report as soon as may be

The Report of the Comm^{ee} : relative to the Collectors Premieum for Collecting, referred for consideration to the Adjournment, was read & considered & the Question being put whether the same shall be Accepted — passed in the Negative

[**517**] The Report of the Comm^ee^. relative to the Collectors Premium for Collecting referred for consideration to the Adjournment was read & considered & the Question being put whether the same shall be accepted — Passed in the Negative —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^t^. "To consider & determine what Premieum shall be Allowed the Collectors of Taxes for the present Year, was read & considered, whereupon the following Vote as Altered at the Adjournment was passed by the Town Viz^t^.

Voted, that four per cent be allow'd and hereby is allowed to the Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing, for all such Sums of Money & public Securities as they shall Collect and pay into the several Treasuries of the Sums committed to them to Collect within ten Months from the Recept of the Tax Books, and three per Cent on all such other Sums as shall afterwards be Collected, — also that such Collectors shall give Bond with sufficient Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of their Duty in said Office and complying with this Vote; and that they will not receive any Premieum or Gratuity for discanting Any Order, Note or Receipts from the Treasurer of the of the Town —

[**518.**] On a Motion, 3. O'Clock assigned for receiving an Answer from the Collectors, whether they accept to serve on the foregoing Terms —

The Committee Appointed to consider what Measures shall be adopted for the more effectual & speedy Discovery of the Perepatrers or Pereptrators of that premedatated & daring Act of Villainy, in setting Fire to a publick Building on Market Square" — Reported as follows Viz^t^.

Voted, that this Town view with Abhorance and Detestation, the execrable Act committed by some daring and lawless Incendiary or Incendiaries on the Night of Thursday the *20th Day* of this present Month of July, in willfully setting Fire to the Building then intended for a *Fish Market* belonging to the Town, and then erected for a *Fish Market* belonging to this Town, and then erected in Dock Square whereby the Town was not only injured in its property, but the Safety of the Neighbourhood was endangered, and the peace & quiet of the Inhabitants were greatley disturbed — And it is further Voted, that this Town do much Approve of the conduct of their Selectmen in the Steps which they have taken to discover the Perpetrator or Perpetrators of so daring an Act of lawless Villainy; and that nothing may be Wanting on the part of the Town to bring to Justice [**519.**] and condign Punishment the Incendiary or Incendiaries aforesaid — It is further Voted, that the Selectmen and they are accordingly

hereby impowered to increase the reward for the Discovery of such Incendiarys or Incendiaries so that the same exceed not the Sum of Five hundred Dollars to be paid by the Parson or Parsons making such discovery excepting however the Incendiary or Incendiarie who actualy set the same on fire the same to be paid out of the Town Treasurey upon conviction of any one or more of such Incendiaries that the Selectmen do apply to his Excellency the Governor & the Council and request his Excellency with the Advice and consent of the Council to Issue his Proclamation offering a full Pardon to any one Accomplice or any of the Accomplices concerned [in] such Act of burning such Building excepting however the Incendiary or Incendiaries who Actualy set the same on fire upon his or their discovery [of] such Incendiary or Incendiaryes who so actually set fire to the same

The foregoing Votes having been read and amended in the Meeting were Adopted by the Town —

[**520.**] The Article relative to Ferry Way Street read and the consideration thereof referred to 3' O'Clock when Mr. Newman is desired to give his Attendance —

The Committee on Master Vinals Petition Reported verbally, whereupon —

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to give order for the Payment of Mr. John Vinal one of the Schoolmasters of this Town on Mr. Benjamin Henderson of Such Sums as are now due from the Town to the said Vinal out of the first Monies which the said Collector shall receive in his capacity of Collector after he shall have discharged the Order already drawn upon him in favor of several Persons Amounting to £687 ,, 4 ,, 10d —

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P : M
3'O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment

Voted, that it is the sense of the Town that no Money shall be paid by Mr. Henderson untill Mr. Vinal is paid, except Drafts for what is due from the Town to those who owe Taxes to Mr. Henderson and are willing to discount the same —

Article in the Warrant relative to Ferry Street read — whereupon

Voted, that this Article together with the business connected with it be referred to the Selectmen at large, they to make the best Agreement [**521.**] they are Able with Mr. Newman and to Report at the Adjournment —

Moved that the Poll for choice of a County Register be assigned at half past 5' O'Clock this Afternoon —

John Scollay
Harbottle Dorr Esqr.
Ezekiel Pierce
John Brown Esqr.
Capt. Edward Tyler
M^{r}. John Andrews
M^{r}. Moses Grant
M^{r}. William Cunningham
Thomas Walley Esqr.

were chosen to Collect sort & count the Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk the written Votes for each Person as are qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives & having been by the said

John Scollay
Harbottle Dorr
Ezekiel Price
John Brown
Edward Tyler
John Andrews
Moses Grant
William Cunningham
Thomas Walley

Collected sorted and counted, it appeared that the following Persons, were Voted for as a [**522.**] Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk and had the number of Votes set against their respective Names —

	Votes
Joshua Henshaw Esqr. - - - - - - - -	276
M^{r}: Nathaniel Green - - - - - - - -	374

The aforegoing Record was read in Town Meeting and exactly Copied & Attested by the Town Clerk and Sealed up in Town Meeting & on the Other side of the Paper a Return was made the Honble: the Clerk of the General Court of Sessions of the Peace & the Paper delivered Ezekiel Price Esqr. Clerk of the Sessions, to be by him delivered Said Court

Then the Meeting was Adjourned to Thursday next the 3^{d}. of August 3 O'Clock Afternoon

3. O Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment —

A Petition of M^{r}. Thomas a late Collectors Bondsmen, was read —
whereupon the following Votes drawn up by one of the Selectmen, was laid before the Town & by them Accepted Viz^{t}.

On a Petition of M^{r}. Elisha Sigoney & M^{r}. John Hinkley relative to a Suit now depending in Law brought by Peter Boyer Esqr. Town Treasurer against Elias Parkman and the Executors

of William Burbeck deceased as Bondsmen to M^{r}. Alexander Thomas a late [**523.**] Collector of Taxes for the Town, and whereas the Affair relative to M^{r}. Thomas was not entirely compleated at the March Meeting, and stands referred over to this Meeting, therefore

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to Stop all former proceeding in said Action, and he is also directed to receive of said Bondsmen the Sums of Ninety five pounds thirteen Shillings & ten pence in , which thr^{o}. Mistake was paid to the late State Treasurer & also the Sum of £10 ,, 18 ,, 9 in Specie, which two Sums will be in full of all demands the Town have against said Alexander Thomas or his Bondsmen; and the Treasurer is further directed on receving said two Sums to discharge them Accordingly they paying all charges which have arisen on said Suit to discharge the said Bondsmen — Also —

Voted, that the Town Treasurer retaine in the Treasurey the aforementioned Sum of £95 ,, 13 ,, 10^{d}. untill the further Orders of the Town unless he cannot avail himself of an exchange with any of the Collectors of the Town for Silver or Gold at par

The Committee relative to Ferry Street reported verbally — and also handed in to the Town M^{r}. Newmans written Proposals relative to Ferry Street, which being read, and the Question put whether said Proposals be Accepted — Passed in y^{e}. Negative —

On a Motion the Question was put vizt. Whether the Town will take any further order relative to Ferry Street Passed in the Negative —

[**524.**] Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to proceed in compleating the Sea Wall & Ferry Street Agreeably to the Vote passed by the Town the 17th of May last

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuiel Hall September 8th A. D. 1786 — 10 O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr. chosen Moderator by a hand Vote —

The Article in the Warrant or Notification together with the

request of a Number of the Inhabitants for calling the Meeting — read whereupon moved & Voted, that a Committee be chosen to consider the Articles in the Warrant and the Request at large, and to draw up the form of an Address to his Excellency the Governor and to Report the same together with what they think may be further necessary to be done at this critical conjuncture

On a Motion, the Governours late Proclamation was read

[**525.**] Voted, that the Honble : Saml : Adams Esqr.
Honble : James Sullivan Esqr.
D^{r}. Charles Jarvis
Honble : Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Edward Payne Esqr.
Jonathan Jackson Esqr.
Jonathan L. Austin Esqr.
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid

Adjourned to Monday next 8. O Clock P. M.

Monday 11th of September 3. O'Clock P. M. Met according to Adjournment

The Committee to draw up the form of an Address to his Excellency the Governor and Report together with a Circular Letter which they propose to be sent to the Selectmen of the several Towns in this Commonwealth which being both read & considered — the Question was put — Whether the form of an Address to the Governor, be accepted — Passed in the Affirmative — It was then

Voted, that the Committee who Reported said Address, be a Committee to present the same to his Excellency James Bowdoin Esqr. Governor of this Commonwealth

Moved & Voted, that the Circular Letter be Accepted, and that the Selectmen be desired to get a Suitable number printed and sent to the Several Towns in this State

[**526.**] The Address & the Circular Letter are as follows — Viz^{t}.

May it please your Excellency
The Inhabitants of the
Town of Boston legally Assembled in Faneuil [Hall] beg leave to express to your Excellency their Anxious concern for the Uneasiness that has arisen & to bear their United Testimoney against those illegal Steps which have been unfortunately & we are inclined to believe by some inconsiderately taken to prevent the due execution of the Laws within several of the Counties of this Goverment or Commonwealth Whatever may be the source of

these Commotions the Inhabitants of the Town are Clearley of Opinion that they are equally repugnant to the Constitution as they are distructive of the Peace & Order of Society — But as they feel themselves bound by every tie of Affection Interest & Religion to their Fellow Citizens throughout the State, wherever they are situated & have bled, & are willing again to bleed by their side in defence of Liberty & the Constitution, they depreciate every possible Misunderstanding among Friends, who are thus tenderly United; They rely therefore on the Wisdom Zeal & Patriotism of your Excellency & of the legislative Body, which they are happy in finding is so early to be convened that the true causes of these difficulties will be fully explored & Speedily removed, in order that Peace & Unanimity may be restored, & that the constitutional Securiety of the Lives, Liberties & Property [**527.**] of the People of this State may remaine unimpared — But while they thus most earnestly wish for the restoration of Harmony & that no mild & lenient Measures may be omitted to Accomplish so happy an Event, they Assure your Excellency of their unvaried determination, to cooperate in support of constitutional Govermant. In the firm belief that the true happiness of the People at Large is indissolubly connected with the unmolested Enjoyment of this inestimable Blessing & that Reverence & Submission to the Laws are our great Security, as well as the brightest Ornaments in the character of good Citizens —

To the Inhabitants of the Town
Friends & Fellow Citizens
The Inhabitants of the

Town of Boston can never remaine the unconserned Spectators of the distress and calamity of their Fellow Cityziens in any part of the Commonwealth your generous Friendship to us Evidenced as well by your Liberal donations as Otherwise, when we were peculiarly Suffering in the great Cause of our Country can never fail to warm our hearts with the highest Sentiments of Friendship for you; and we are perswaded that the Exertions we were then called to make for our own common Safety, have got a place in your kind remembrance [**528.**] Thus united as we conceive in Sentement, and Affection as well as in Interest with that cordiallity, which must and ever will Subsist amongst a Virtuous and enlightned People in a free *Country* we take the Liberty to Address you as those Commotions which have two widley Spread within the Commonwealth you will Suffer us to reason on this Occasion with a freedom which is the part of *sincere Friendship;* for we do Assure you that our Country can never feel a Political or civil evil, which we will not Chearfully bear a part of untill our Joint *Exertions* can obtain a *Constitutional Redress* We do not conceive it to be our duty to decide, whether the greviances mentioned by the Conventions in some of the Counties in the State really exist, or not; but we beg leave to Submit it, dispassionate, and candid decision, whether if they have a real Existance the Tumultious Methods Adopted by some Assemblies of

Men within the Goverment are proper Measures to Obtain a Redress. When we dissolved our conexion with the Empire of Britain, we then (politically speaking) had it in our election to remaine in a State of *Nature* or to ordain for ourselves such form of Goverment, as we chose, we were then in a State recognized by the first Article of the decleration of Rights free and equal, and nothing but our own voluntary consent, given in a Solemn Compact, could [**529.**] reduce us to a form of civil Goverment it required no great share of Wisdom however to discern, that unless we threw ourselves into that State, we could Neither defend ourselves against a foreign invasion or be preserved from the depredations of wicked and abandoned Men Amongst ourselves, therefore the People inhabiting the Territory called the Province of Massachusetts Bay by a *voluntary Affection* formed a Solem Compact, and in a *Solem* Appeal to the great Legislator of the universe, the whole People convenated with *each Citizen and Each Citezen* with the whole People to be governed by certain *known and* Established Laws for the *common* good & Security of all by the same solemn compact, the powers of Legislation, and the Authority for due Execution of the Laws were provided, and Established and we then did, and as yet do conceive that all was alone with such caution, and restrictions that no Man or body of Men, who shall Oppress or invade the rights of the smallest Individual, can express with impunity in the same compact, the People solemnly agreed, to support the Constitution for the space of fifteen years, and made Ample provision for the revision of it, at the end of that Period if it should then be thought necessary, their is no officer Either high or low within the Commonwealth [**530.**] who does not derive his whole Authority from the People, and who is not amenable to a proper & Adaquate tribunal for his Conduct — There are indeed evils which are common to the whole human Race, founded in the depravity an imperfections of Mankind and there are others the unhappy lot of some Countries arising from their situation, or the deep revolted habits of tne people possessing them, both which are alike incapable of being cured by any Acts of Goverment, or exertions of human Power; but must be left to the Accedents and Changes of time for a remidy; should corrupt, and dissigning Men inflame the Spirits of the People, to demand of their *Rulers* the removal of such evils, their own reflections would sooner or later point them to their Mistake. If greviances have arisen in the Goverment, surely the Voice of the People may be taken

without flying to Arms: and no one can wish to dissolve our happy Constitution unless Another is substituted in its place; for a State of *Anarchy* is to be dreaded Above all other *Calamities*, *because theire is no evil which* it does not involve *but to us* as we shall take leave by and by to submit to your consideration consequences would flow from such a State, which would Cause each true American within the Commonwealth, ever to regret, that he had ever tasted the Sweets of evil freedom.

[END OF BOOK SEVEN.]

[CONTINUED IN BOOK EIGHT.]

BOSTON TOWN RECORDS.

[EIGHTH BOOK.]

[**1.**] If the Citizens of the State Labor under Greivances which can be redressed by the Acts of the Legislature, we conceive that their Priviledges in this case, can never be enlarged, for the General Court are chosen Annually by the People & though in one Year, our Complaints are not Attended to, Yet we can in the next Election; place Men in power who will Answer our reasonable expectations, and we are constrained to say, that we are ignorant of the Time, when the Representatives of the People in this State, have not duly Attended to the Instructions of their Constituents, some Towns have Indeed, given instructions contrary to the Sentements of the Majority in the State and they therefore have not succeeded, but is not this Always the case, where, in society the Compact is, for the Minority to submit to the Majority? let the Majority be ever so much in the wrong. is there Any remedy within the reach of Nature, compatible with the Ideas of Society, and Goverment to say *the Majority shall not Govern*, is saying either, that we will reduce Ourselves to a State of Nature, reject the Ideas of civil Liberty, Establish a despotism, and be subject to the Sovereign Pleasure of one Man. We then beg You to consider whether *instructing Our Representatives* who serve us in the Legislature is not our great remedy against any ills we Suffer; and which are within the Compass of *human* power to redress. As we have taken leave to hint to you the Mode in which, *under the Goverment Established by our common consent*, we conceive all grievances ought to be remedied; we will now beg your Patience and Earnestly solicit yóur candor while we mention *some of the consequences*, which we think must flow from a Continuance of the present Commotions as an Introduction [**2.**] to this part of our Address, we will take a restrospective view of our *late situation*, and compare our *present*, with *that* in which we should have been, had not the noble Exertions of America, in defence of the *dearest rights* of *mankind* prevented it. — Taxed by great Britain, *unconstitutionally*, and *illegally*, the quantity demanded, was not the Object of the important stand then made, but the obvious intention, of

reducing to Absolute Slavery to a Prince on an Island, at three thousand Miles distance, the People of an whole Continent: demanded an Opposition *worthy* of the *blood* and *treasure* expended in it. our public *Assemblies* in Towns, *and elswhere*, were prohibited: and every precaution taken to deprive us, of the enjoyment even of *Social Pity*, and *joint complaint* a standing Army, *cruelly hostile* as well from their *deep rooted prejudices*, as the *sanguinary nature* of their Errand, supported at our *own* Expence, was employ'd, to prostitute us before each *haughty* Minion who chose to *insult* or *plunder* us, where then was the dignity of Man! and where, had they succeded, could the *Heaven* born ideas of Civil *freedom* be Entertained; even a Sigh for the *sweets* of *Liberty*, *would have been treason;* how *reverse* of *this* is our now *happy* situation! subjected to no Laws but such as are made by a Legislature of our *own election* Agreeably to the form of Goverment Established by our *own consent*, taxed by our own Representatives only, and controuled by no Authority but what is derived *from ourselves* While we contended for a Jewell of this *immense value*, still invaded on every side by the Scourging Arm of despotism; how *solemnly* did we Appeal to that Being, who sees the inmost recesses of our hearts, and how sacredly *did we pledge* [**3.**] *our Lives*, *and fortunes* to each other, and to our *Congress*, in the *glorious Contest* & shall we *now* Accomplish the wishes, and fulfill the *prediction* of our *Enemies*, in meanly receding from all our engagements. It is possible that any considerate man should suppose, that we as a people ought to, or can be Exempted from the calamities, and difficulties *incident* to human Life? were we not at all times aware that there is *no Medium* between a State of Goverment and a State of Nature, and that the latter at all times is a State of Warfare, where no man has a property in even the produce of his *own Labor* but only a precarious possession, maintained by force? or did any among us vainly believe, that we could enjoy the blessings of Goverment without an expence Attending it? as well might they Expect that the Earth would yield her fruits without tillage, and that Man could subsist without Labor & pain the *unalterable Laws* of *Nature* have fixed it, that the path to political, public or private happiness is directed *Alone through industry* and *frugality*, and we surely ought to submit to the common lot of humanity, without *repining* because it is one of the first *dictates* of *religion*, We are very sensible that the *habits* of *Luxury* contracted in the Late War; from the vast quantity of Goods imported, and the *too great profusion* of Money together with receiving, and giving unlimitted Credit have involved many families in distress, and have much diminished our Ability for paying those Just debts contracted in the day of our distress, As the price of our freedom, [**4.**] but shall we because Many of us are now distressed *Entail Ruin* upon our *Posterity*; let us lay aside the *destructive fashions* and *expensive superfluities* of the day, be *sober*, *temperate* and *industrious*, and by the blessings of

propitious Heaven we shall soon retrieve our circumstances, and Establish our public Credit. When we consider the Nature of the present commotions, it presents to us the very *important question* whether we shall *exist* as a Nation upon the Earth? for we are by no means ignorant, that Congress by our Consent, and to our *inexpressible Joy*, & *Satisfaction* procured from our Allies, A loan of Specie the Interest whereof, we are *Obliged* Annually to discharge: the Shutting up the Courts of *Justice* preventing the due Execution of the Laws and Arresting the Collection of Public Taxes *Anihilates* our Goverment, and loudly *proclaims* to our foreign Creditors, their *Total insecurity* should their Patience, and Lenity supported by a *hope* of our reclaiming ourselves, and correcting our Error, keep their Sword in the *Sheath*, yet we may have an *Enemy*, who will Embrace the *unlucky* Moment, should their ever be one, when he finds us without RESOURCES, without *Credit* and without an *Ally*, and deeply revenge himself, for the *disgrace* his Arms have sustained. Were there any among us so *depraved*, as to wish to return to the *Domination* of great Britain, they may easily perceive that the Nations of Europe, would never permit such a Union of Power; but divide us Amongst them. Our feelings would indeed on *such* an Occasion point us to a remedy perhaps less disgracefull; the Establishment of a [5.] *domestic*, instead of a *foreign* Despotism: supported by a *standing Army*, maintained by *our* own toil to awe us into such Submission that every idea of freedom, shall be finally and totally Eradicated. When we have seen the Patriot close his Eyes in death, with *gratitude*, and *rapture* committing his posterity to the *Arms* of *Liberty* shall we see others *Agonising* in their last moments, at yeilding their Children to the *chains* of Vassalage? forbid it that *Spirit* of freedom which has so long, annimated and *enlightened* America! *forbid it Heaven*. Finding that his Excellency the Governor, pursuant to the duties of his Office by Advice of Council, has called upon all the good People of the State to lend their Aid, in preventing the impending ruin we can do no less than to recognize Anew our Solemn Engagements to support the Goverment we have so lately, and deliberately Established and we feel ourselves Assured, that our *Numerous well Affected fellow Citizens* in every Town will shew their readiness to join in an Effort, so clearly pointed out, as the *first* duty in Society. — We are convinced that the present disturbances, arise from *British Emissaries* residing Among us, whose every wish is for our Overthrow and ruin, or from the Machinations, of Wicked, and unprincipled Men who seek their *own Emoluments to the destruction of their Country*, or from a Combination of both: but though many of our fellow Citizens, are deceived by them; and betrayed into a dangerous Mistake, yet we trust that they will on recollection, *Spurn* from their Councils such *base* and infamous Men; and that a careful *discrimination* will be made in every Town, between those who are and those who are not for the support of a Goverment

no *less Necessary*, to *the happiness*, than to the security, [**6.**] of the Lives Liberty, and properties of the people. Fellow Citizens. We now *intreat* you by the Mutual ties of friendship, and Affection by the *Sacred* compact which holds us in one Society — by the *blood* of our Brethren *Shed* to Obtain our *freedom* — by the *tender* regard we feel for our rising Offspring Claiming freedom from *our* hands as their Inheritance, by the *grant* of Heaven to use your endeavours that redress of greviances be sought for in, A *constitutional* and *Orderly way* only: and we pledge ourselves to join our Exertions with yours in *the same way*, to Obtain redress for any such as do really exist

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

[**7.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants, of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall December 11 A. D. 1786. 10 OClock before Noon —

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - read

Isaac Smith Esqr:
chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote —

The Meeting being Attended by very few of the Inhabitants, it was moved & Voted, that it be Adjourned to Tuesday the 12th Ins^{t}: 10 O'Clock A : M : — Met according to Adjournment

The Article in the Warrant relative to the State of the Alms house, was read & considered whereupon —

Voted, that John Lucas Esqr.
Josiah Waters Esqr.
Col^{o}. Bradford
Capt. Soams
John R. Sigorney
Gibbins Sharp
Deacon Simpkins
M^{r}. John Parker
Capt. Mongo Mackay
be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to procure hands to the following Subscription Viz^{t}.

Whereas the Poor in the Almshouse are suffering for Want of Bread & the Subscribers in order for their Relief, promise to pay the Sums [**8.**] Affixed to our several Names, upon being served with Receipts therefor from the Town Treasurer as part of the Tax due from us to the Town —

The Article in the Warrant relative to Beacon Hill — was — read & considered — whereupon —

Voted, that it be Left to the Selectmen to treat About the s^{d}. Land & Report at March Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

[**9.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 12th Day of March Anno Domini 1787. 10 °Clock Forenoon

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}: Everett

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Sundry Laws enjoyned to be read at this Meeting were accordingly - - - read

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for a Moderator of this Meeting, and the same being brought in and sorted

It Appeared that the
Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr:
was chosen —
William Cooper Esqr:
was chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing and took the Oath of Office for the faithfull discharge of his duty, which Oath was Administered to him by M^{r}. Justice Price — & the Oath of Alligance which was Administered by Samuel Barrett Esqr

The Town having determined by a Vote to choose Nine Selectmen the Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes for [**10.**] that Number, and the same being brought in and sorted it Appeared that the following Gentelmen Viz^{t}.

John Scollay Esqr.
Harbottle Dorr Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
John Brown Esqr.
Capt. Edward Tyler
M^{r}. John Andrews
M^{r}. Moses Grant - - - - - excused
M^{r}. William Cunningham - - excused
Thomas Walley
were chosen Selectmen for y^{e}. Year ensuing —

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock P. M —

3 O'Clock Met according to Adjournment
The Inhabitants, were directed to withdraw and bring in their

Votes for twelve Overseers of the Poor, and the Votes having been brought in sorted. it Appeared that

The Honble: William Phillips Esqr. excused
Isaac Smith Esqr.
Jonathan Mason Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Whitwell
John White Esqr.
Edward Proctor Esqr.
William Powell Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
M^{r}. Henry Prentice - - - - excused
M^{r}. Jonathan L. Austin
M^{r}. Samuel Parkman
M^{r}. Edward Edes

were chosen Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing

[**11.**] The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for sixteen Fire Wards; and the same having been brought in and sorted, it Appeared that—

William Cooper Esqr.
Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr. — (excused)
Edward Proctor Esqr.
M^{r}. John Lowell
M^{r}. Thomas Tileston
Thomas Melvill Esqr.
M^{r}. John Winthrop
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Capt. John Ballard
Andrew Syms Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph Clark
M^{r}. Jacob Rhodes
Samuel Brick Esqr.
M^{r}. Henry Bass
Col^{o}. John May
Paul D. Sergant Esqr.

were chosen Fire Wards for the Year ensuing.

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. To consider the Proposals to the Honourable John Hancock Esqr. that a Committee may be Appointed to confer with him, relative to an Exchange of Property claimed by him on Beacon Hill. for the House called the Granary, and the Spot of Land on which it stands" — was read — whereupon moved & Voted that

[**12.**] James Sullivan Esqr.
Thomas Dawes Esqr.
John Scollay Esqr.
Edward Payne Esqr.
Hob^{ble}. Samuel Adams Esqr.

be a Committee to confer with M^{r}. Hancock relative to the same, & they are directed to Report as soon as may be

The Votes being brought in for a Clerk of Fanuiel Hall Market, upon sorting them it Appeared that

M^{r}. Matthew Nazro

was chosen Clerk of said Market

The Inhabitants withdrew and brought in their Votes for a Town Treasurer and upon sorting them it appeared that —

M^{r}. Peter Boyer

was chosen Town Treasurer for the Year ensuing — who took the Oath of Office & the Oath of Alligance which were Administered by the Town Clerk - - - - -

Votes, for a Treasurer of y^{e}. County of Suffolk brought in, and counted by the Moderator & Town Clerk when it Appeared that the whole number was three hundred seventy Nine & that they were all for M^{r}. Alexander Hodgdon a discreet suitable Person being a Freeholder & Resident in the same County —

On the Representation of the Overseers of the Poor. Moved that a Committee, be Appointed to confer with the Overseers, relative to the Annual Expence of the Alms House & to lay a Statement thereof before the Town also to devise ways and means for defraying said Expence & to Report as soon as may be

Voted, that Honble: James Sullivan
Thomas Walley Esqr.
[13.] Nathaniel Appleton Esqr.
Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.

be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid

The Article relative to the choise of Wardens read whereupon Moved, that the consideration of the choise of Wardens be refered to the Meeting of this Town that may be called next After the setting of the General Court in May next - - - -

And the Question being Accordingly put — Passed in the Affermative

Messrs: James Thompson
Thomas Bayley
Benjamin Henderson
Charles Williams

were chose Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing & took & signed the Oaths prescribed by Law which Oaths were Adminestred by the Town Clerk —

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning

Tuesday 10 OClock A M. Met According to Adjournment —

The Petition of William Davis read — whereupon, Voted, that the Selectmen be & hereby are instructed & impowered to Appoint a Referre, or Refferees to meet with such Referre or Refferees as may be Appointed by the Heirs of the late Dr. William Davis upon the Subject of the said Petition & to Abide by the Award or determination of the sd. Referres in behalf of the Town N B Mr. William Davis one of the Heirs aforesaid, was present in the Meeting & agreed on the Part ot the Heirs aforesaid, to abide by said determination —

[**14.**] Voted, that the Above Vote be reconsidered, And the Petitioner has leave to withdraw his Petition.

The Town having determined that five Assessors should be chosen the Inhabitants as directed withdrew & brought in their Votes accordingly & upon sorting them it Appeared that —

Messrs: William Lowder
Gyles Harris
William Fleet
Moses May
Samuel Ruggles

were chosen Assessors for the Year ensuing — & took & signed Oaths According to Law. Oaths Administered by the Town Clerk —

Voted, that the Allowance to the Assessors be six Shillings ℔ Day for the time they may set in doing the buisness of their Office

Voted, that four per cent be Allowed and hereby is allowed to the Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing for all such Sums of Money & public Securities as they shall Collect and pay into the several Treasuries of the Sums committed to them to Collect within ten Months from the Receipt of the Tax Books, and three Per Cent on all such other Sums, as shall Afterward, be Collected, Also that such Collector shall give Bond with sufficient Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of their Duty in said Office and complying with this Vote; and that they will not receive Any Premium or Gratuity for discounting any Order, Note or Receipts from the Treasurer of the State or the Treasurer of the Town —

[**15.**] Mr. Grant & Mr. Cunningham having declined serving a Selectman the present Year 3. O'Clock P. M. Assigned for filling up the Vacancies. —

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given

to M^{r}. Moses Grant & M^{r}. William Cunningham for their faithfull Services, as Selectmen the last Year —

Voted, that The Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.
Isaack Smith Esqr.
Edward Payne Esqr.
Nathaniel Appleton Esqr.
Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr.
be a Committee to Estimate what Sums will be Necessary to be raised by the Town, for the Expencies of the Current Year, As Also to consider, what Sums will be proper to Allow the Several Salary Men for their Services the present Year, Also to devise ways & Means for the discharge of y^{e}. Arrearages due to the School Masters & the more punctual payment of their Salarys in future.

Moved & Voted, that the Election of Surveyors of Boards & Staves be by Ballot & that the choise come on After the Selectmen —

M^{r}. William McNeil
chosen Surveyor of Hemp for the Year ensuing

Messrs: Benjamin White
Edmund Ranger
James Ridgway
Andrew Townsande Junr.
William Todd
were chose Fence Viewers for the Year ensuing

[16.] Messrs: John Fenno Junr. declines
William Billings
Thomas Bradley
Saml. Bangs
Nathan Green
were chose Sealers of Leather for the Year ensuing

Messrs: Adam Colson
Abraham Adams
were chose Informer of Deer for the Year ensuing

Messrs: John Skinner
George Hamlin
William Sharp
William Billings
were chose Hogreeves for the Year ensuing —

Messrs: George Hamlin
Samuel Curtis
John Skinner
for North Department
were chose Haywards for the Year ensuing

Messrs: Thomas Green
John Skinner
were chose Assay Masters for the Year ensuing

Messrs: John White Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
were chose Surveyors of Wheat for the Year ensuing—

Voted, that M^{r}. Herman Brimmer
Edward Payne Esqr.
Joseph Russell Junr.
M^{r}. Alexander Hill
M^{r}. William Parsons
[17.] be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to Audit the Accompts of the Town Treasurer & also the Accompts of the Overseers of the Poor, and that they make Report at the Next March Meeting; and the said Committee are desired to Report from time to time a State of the Treasury and on Any Matters relating to the Treasurey or Overseers of the Poor, which they may think proper, and the said Committee are also desired to examine the Draughts of the Selectmen, and the Vouchers for the same and it is further Voted, that Interest be Allowed to such of the Overseers of the Poor as shall Advance Money for the Use of the Poor, from the expiration of the Year untill paid—

M^{r}. Tilestons Petition - - - - - - - - - - - read & committed to the Committee to prepare an Estimate & devise ways means &c. and to report as soon as may be—

Adjourned to 3 OClock P: M: 3 O'Clock P. M. Met According to Adjournment.

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. Whether the Selectmen shall be Authorized to execute Deeds of certain Lands in order to be sold or near on the Neck - - - was read - - - - - - - - - Whereupon

Voted, That whereas the Selectmen in pursuance of a Vote of this Town of the Fifth of April 1785. have made certain Agreements touching Lands mentioned in said Vote and have made certain Deeds of part of said Lands—and promised further Deeds of Other Parts of said Lands

[18.] Therefore Voted, that the Deeds already made as aforesaid be & hereby are confirmed and also that the Selectmen be & they are hereby Authorized to execute such further Deeds as may be necessary to convey all the Lands meant to be conveyed in the Vote of April 5th Above Mentioned

Petition relative to the Moneys due to the Heirs of the late David Jeffries Esqr. read whereupon

Voted that

Mr. Jonathan Mason Esqr.
Mr. Alexander Hill
Mr. Alexander Hodgdon

be a committee to take the Petition into consideration & Report as soon as may be what may be proper to be done thereon —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes for two Selectmen and the same being brought in and sorted it Appeared that —

Deacon William Boardman
Mr. Ebenezer Sever see Page 10

were chose Selectmen for the Year ensuing and took the Oath enjoined by Law which were Administred by the Town Clark to them & the Other Selectmen —

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for twelve Constables, and the same being sorted it Appeared that

Messrs: William Cooper the 2d.
Samuel Smith
John McLane
Saml. Whitney
[19.] Pool Spear
Shubael Hewes
Benjamin Homans
John Butterfield
James Williams
Francis Booth
John Bosson
James Perkins

were chose Constables for the Year ensuing

The following Persons were chose Clerks of the Market for the Year ensuing

Messrs: Caleb Gibbs
Thomas English
Nathl. Bethune
James Price Junr.
Charles Bulfinch
William Deblois
James Lovel Junr.
Samuel Cabot
James Perkins Junr.
Andrew Hall
Samuel Williams Junr.
Isaac Winslow

The Petition of Richard Salter one of the late Collector Grays. Bondsmen read whereupon

Voted, that Alexander Hill
Joseph Russell Junr.
Joseph Greenleaf Esqr.
be a Committee to take this Petition into Consideration & Report what is proper to be done thereon at the Adjournment

[**20.**] Messrs: Joseph Ballard
Henry Blaisdel
John Champney
Benjamin Page
Joseph Ayres
Benjamin White
Abraham Howard
Clement Collins
Joshua Bently
Samuel Dyer
James Rogers
Edmund Ranger
were chose Surveyors of Boards for the Year ensuing

Messrs: Job Wheelwright
Joshua Pico
Manassah Marston
Arthur Langford
John Owen
Caleb Hayden
Joseph Basset

The Consideration of the Boundary Line refered to the Adjournment —

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be & hereby are given to the Honble. William Phillips Esqr. for his faithful Services as Overseer of the Poor a Number of Years.

Adjourned to Tuesday next the 20th Instant 10 OClock —

[**21.**] Tuesday the 20th Day of March 10 OClock Forenoon — Met According to Adjournment —

M^{r}. Henry Prentice having excused himself from serving as an Overseer of the Poor the ensuing Year

Voted that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to Capt. Henry Prentice for his faithful Services as Overseer of the Poor for several Years past

Upon the Report of the Committee Appointed to prepare an Estimate &c —

Voted, that said Committee be desired to make Report at the May Meeting — the Above Vote reconsidered

Joshua Henshaw Esqr: Appointed one of the Committee on the late Treasurer Jeffries Esqr. Executors Petition in the room of M^{r}. Hill who declined serving; & said Committee are desired to Report at May Meeting

The Committee on M^{r}. Hancocks Petition are desired to Report at May Meeting —

The Question being put Viz^{t}. whether the Town will Act upon the Article in the Warrant relative to choosing a Representative for the Remainder of the Year in the room of Leonard Jarvis Esqr: — passed in the Negative —

The Committee Appointed to confer with the Overseers of the Poor relative to the Annual expence of the Alms House, and to lay a State before the Town Also to devise ways and means for defraying the [22.] Expence in future — Report as follows that they find the Annual Expence to be about three thousand Pounds. that several of the Overseers have since the Year 1780, Advanced their own Money to defrey a part of the said Charges, and ought to have the interest of such Sums as they have Advanced paid them as soon as possible, and that the Town ought to Adopt some sure & Special Plan for defreying the expence of the Alms House in future — And the Committee thereupon Submit the following form of a Vote to the Consideration of the Town — Voted, that the Sum of three thousand pounds be raised to defrey the expence of the Alms House for the present Year: And that Eighteen hundred pounds thereof be Assessed in the Manner following Viz^{t}. — the Assessors when they Assess the Town Tax shall make a Special & Seperate Colum, in the rate list, and therein set down as much per Centum proportionally on Each Persons Tax as shall in the whole Amount to the said Sum of eighteen hundred pounds. and that the Collectors shall receive the Sums contained in said Colum in Specie only, and the same shall be paid into the Town Treasurey & sacredly Appropriated to the support of the Towns Poor & the payment of Interest due to the Overseers, for Moneys Advanced by them for the use of the Poor.

James Sullivan ℘ Order

The aforegoing Report having been Considered, the Question being put Viz^{t}. Whether said Report shall be Accepted & passed in the Affermative —

[23.] The Vote relative to the Committee to prepare an Estimate and to Report at May Meeting reconsidered, and said Committee are desired to Report at the Adjournment the 1st Monday of April next 3 O Clock

Moved & Voted, that when this Meeting is Adjourned it shall be to the 1st Monday of April next 3 O Clock M. P.

Messrs. Edward Burt
Capt. Joseph Loring
Mr. John Bray
Mr. Lemuel Gardner
Mr. Henry Purket
were chose Cullers of Staves & Hoops for the Year ensuing
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The Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr. having declined serving as a Fire Ward

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to the Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr. for his faithful Services as a Fire Ward for a Number of Years past —

Thomas Dawes Esqr. (declined)
Henry Hill Esqr.
were chosen Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing

The Selectmen
were chosen Surveyors of High Ways for the Year ensuing —

Mr. Ebenezer Hancock
was chose a Fire Ward for the Year ensuing

Adjourned to 3 O Clock P M
3 O Clock P: M: Met According to Adjournment

Adjourned to 4 O Clock

[24.] Met According to Adjournment 4 O'Clock P. M.

The Committee relative to Olivers Dock Reported as follows — Vizt. —

The Selectmen together with Judge Sullivan being Appointed a Committee to examine into the encroachments Apprehended to be made upon the Towns Land on & near Olivers Dock, have examined the circumstances respecting the same & find that Mr. Woodwards claim to a right in Olivers Dock, is in their Opinion without foundation — the Property of the same being vested in the Town, and never by them convey'd to any Other Person - - - And that Mr. Fowle by permision from the Selectmen now improves a Part of the Drain belonging to the Town, by running a floor over the same till such time as the Town may order Other ways or receive an Adequate rent for the same —

The Report aforesaid having been read. Moved & Voted, that the 1st part of the Report be taken up & the same having been considered — Voted, That the Selectmen be and hereby are directed & impowered to Maintain & defend the Rights of the Town to Olivers Dock so called Against the Claims of Any Person or Persons whatsoever — then the 2d part of the Report was taken up & considered whereupon Voted, that the same be Accepted by the Town.

The Article in the Warrant Vizt. Whether the Town Approve of a proposed new Boundary Line to be run between Boston and Roxbury, Agreeable to a plan which will be laid before the Town" was read [25.] Whereupon Voted, that the Town Approve of the Boundary Line as Agreed upon by the Selectmen of the Town of Roxbury & Boston provided that by their joint Application to the General Court they can Obtain a Confirmation of the same - - - - - - - -

The Committee relative to Mr. Thompson's Land near Beacon Hill Report verbally that Mr. Thompson is willing to sell the Town the Land he owns contiguous to the North west side of Beacon Hill at such a price as any two Persons Appointed by the Selectmen & himself say it is reasonably worth - - - - - - whereupon Voted, that the Consideration of this Report be suspended —

Moved & Voted, that the Committee Appointed to confer with Mr. Hancock on his Claim to Part of Beacon Hill be further instructed to examine into & ascertain the Estate which the Town hath in that Hill from its Base to the Summit & Also to State the different Claims of all Persons to Any Part of the same & to Report a Plan of the Town's Right & Any Other Person to the said Hill - - - - - - - and that William Tudor Esqr. be Added to said Committee

Voted, that the Assessors be and hereby are impowered & directed to set for such Abatements of Taxes as they shall Judge reasonable two Days in each Week After the Delivery of the Tax Bills to the Collectors for the space of Six Weeks. and no longer, saving that they be Allowed to set the last Week in February Lords Days excepted for the Abatement of the Taxes of such Persons as had not an Opportunity of Applying in the Above limitted time by reason of [26.] Their being out of the Commonwealth, or any Other unavoidable hindrance. And that the Assessors determine upon the said two Days, which is to be noted on the Tax Bills to be delivered the Inhabitants

Voted, that the Selectmen be Impowered & directed to continue the Suit commenced Against the late Collector Grays Bondsmen to July term —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. Whether the Town will take further Measures for the Sale of the Land and Wharff at the North Battery" - - - - was read and considered whereupon Voted, that the Selectmen be impowered to make Sale of said Battery by Auction unless it can be disposed of by private Sale & that they be Authorized and impowered to Give & execute good & Sufficient Deeds, for the same conditioned that none of the Stones be removed & that the Pier be kept in good Repaire & that the Selectmen be also impowered to Agree that any Publick Securities of this Commonwealth be received in payment

Adjourned to Monday April 2^{d}.
3. O'Clock — P. M. —

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston in Fanuiel Hall Assembled March 20th A. D. 1787 — 3 O'Clock P. M. —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.
chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}.
to consider the request of Joseph Palmer Esqr. that the Town would sell the Fee of the Land lying on the Easterly side of Boston Neck for the purpose of setting up several sets of Large Works for making Bay & White Salt — was read whereupon

[**27.**] Voted, that Messrs: Nathaniel Appleton Esqr.
Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr.
Nathl. Barber Esqr.
Jonathan Mason Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Parkman
be a Committee to take this Article and the Representation of M^{r}. Palmer into consideration and report what is best to be done thereon at the Adjournment of March Meeting the 2^{d} Day of April 3 O Clock P. M.

then the Meeting was
dissolved

At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Boston of twenty One Years of Age & Upwards qualified as the Constitution prescribes & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuiel Hall on Monday the 2 Day of April Anno Domini 1787 9 O Clock A : M : —

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Eliot

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Paragraph of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment, relative to choise of Governors and Senators, also read

It was declared by the Selectmen no Vote would be received but such as are unfolded, & that they propose the Poll shall be closed at 12 O'Clock

On a Motion Voted, that the Bells in the Town be set a tolling ½ an Hour before 12 O'Clock

[28.] Persons *Voted*, for as Governor with the Number of Votes for each Person — Viz^{t}.

	Votes
His Excellency James Bowdoin Esqr.	724
Honble: John Hancock Esqr.	775

Persons Voted for as Lieu^{t}. Governor with the Number of Votes for each Person - - - - - - Viz^{t}.

	Votes
His Honor Thomas Cushing Esqr.	880
Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.	179
Honble: Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.	424
Honble: Tristam Dalton Esqr.	1

Persons Voted for as Senators for the County of Suffolk with the number of Votes for each Person Viz^{t}.

	Votes
His Honor Thomas Cushing Esqr.	460
Honble. Samuel Adams Esqr.	1373
Honble. William Phillips Esqr.	1101
Honble. Cotton Tufts Esqr.	1463
Honble. Stephen Metcalf Esqr.	1395
Honble. John Lowell Esqr.	442
Thomas Dawes Esqr.	1017
Honble: Richard Cranch Esqr.	47
Honble: Benjamin Austin Esqr.	407
Honble: Jabez Fisher Esqr.	677
Honble: John Hancock Esqr.	3
Honble: William Heath Esqr.	280
Honble: Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.	8
John Read Esqr.	15
Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr.	3
Honble: Eben^{r}: Wales Esqr.	2
Honble: Stephen Higginson Esqr.	1
[29.] Joshua Henshaw Esqr.	3
Honble. James Warren Esqr.	4
Theophilus Cushing Esqr.	4
M^{r}. Richard Gridldey	1
D^{r}. John Metcalf	2
Christopher Gore Esqr.	1

	Votes
Honble. Jonathan Jackson - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1
John C. Jones Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1
Samuel Breck Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1
Joseph Barrel Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1

Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as Governor Lieu^{t}. Governor and Senators for the County of Suffolk, were committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth & the Inclosures sealed up in Town Meeting Superscribed as follows — Viz^{t}.

For
John Avery Esqr.
Secretary of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

The Number of Votes for the Town of Boston for a Governor Lieu^{t}. Governor & Six Senators for the County of Suffolk, Certifyed within & sealed up in Town Meeting

Then the Meeting was
dissolved —

[**30.**] Adjournment of March Meeting
April 2^{d}. 3 O Clock P : M : Met According to Adjournment

On a Motion Adjourned to Thursday next 10 O Clock. A : M

April 5th. 9 O Clock A : M, Met According to Adjournment

Thomas Dawes Esqr. Acquainted the Town that he declines serving as an Overseer

The Committee to Report an Estimate & Reported whereupon Moved & Voted, that this Report be recommitted

Voted, that the Committee Appointed to Audit Town Treasurers Accounts &c - - - - be Notified by the Town Clerk that they were directed to make Report at the Adjournment

The Committee Appointed to consider General Palmers Petition praying that the Town would sell him the fee of certain Lands on Boston Neck for the Salt Manufacture, beg Leave to Report

That as the Town have only the reversion of said Lands After the expiration of a long lease, and as After that Lease, said Lands may probably, be settled with Inhabitants to the great benefit & ornament of the Town, and further, as General Palmer, by his own declaration is under the Necessity of having upwards of Twenty Acres if any, and can Obtain Other Lands, which will promote his Manufacture & Answer his purposes nearly as well as those petitioned for — The Committee are of Opinion that for the Above and many other reasons it is not for the Interest of

the Town to sell their [**31.**] said Lands According to the Prayer of said Petition

Nath[l]. Appleton
Boston 2[d] April 1787 ℘ Order

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes for an Overseer of the Poor and the same being brought in & sorted it Appeared that

John Codman Jun[r].
was chose Overseer of the Poor for the Year ensuing

Adjourned to Friday the 13 Ins[t]: 3 O Clock. P. M. - - - -

Friday April 13th — 3 O Clock P. M Met According to Adjournment —

M[r]. John Cade, was chosen a Constable for the Year ensuing —

The Question was put Viz[t] Whether the lighting of the Lamps shall be discontinued from the 1st of May next till further Orders Passed in the Affirmative

Moved and Voted, that the Constables be requested to walk the Streets of this Town on the Lords Day, Agreeable to a former practice, taking with them some of the Inhabitants on Those Walks; as a means to prevent disorder on the Sabbath more especially in the time of Divine servise

Moved and Voted, that the Committee Appointed in March 1786 — to Audit the Accounts of Town Treasurer, Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor, & on all other Matters, be directed to Report the 1st Day of the May Meeting

[**32.**] Moved and Voted, that the Town reconsider their Votes of March 1787 — & discontinue the Committee Appointed by said Vote to Audit the Accounts of the Town Treasurer Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to lay their Drafts for the present Year the Town Treasurer his Accounts, and the Overseers of the Poor their Accounts before the Town at the next Meeting. —

Moved, & Voted, that all Matters & Things unfinished at this Meeting be refered over to the General Town Meeting in May next

Then the Meeting
was Dissolved

[**33.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuiel Hall on Tuesday the 8th Day of May Anno Domini 1787

Prayer was made by the Revd. Mr. Clark

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - - read

That part of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment which relates to the choise of Representatives — read —

Sundry Laws to be read at said Meeting were Accordingly - - - - - - - - - - - read

The Town having determined to choose Seven Persons to Represent them in the General Court of Massachusetts to be held at the State House at Boston on the last Wednesday of May Current, Agreeably to the Constitution or Frame of Goyerment for the Massachusetts - - - The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for seven Representatives and then it was declared by the Selectmen that no Vote should be received but such as were unfolded and that they propose the Poll should be closed at 12 O Clock The Inhabitants were directed After giving in their Votes to remain in the Hall till the Poll is closed —

The Votes being brought in for seven Representatives, the number of the same were found to be Six hundred & thirty. And upon sorting them it [**34.**] Appeared that the following Gentlemen were chosen by a Majority of Votes - - - - Vizt.

Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr. - - - - - - - -	382
Honble: Samuel A. Otis Esqr. - - - - - - -	600
Thomas Dawes Esqr. - - - - - - -	614
Charles Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - - - -	595
Samuel Brick Esqr. - - - - - - - -	590
John Coffin Jones Esqr. . . - - - - -	570
Mr. John Winthrop - - - - - - - -	356

The choice of Representatives being over & declared by the Selectmen, it was moved that a Moderator be chosen to preside at the Meeting for transacting the other matters mentioned in the Warrant —

Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.

was chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote

The Petition of the Constables

whereupon Moved & Voted, that

Mr. Jeremiah Belknap
Majr. Ephraim May
Mr. Alexander Hill

be a Committee to consider the Petition and Report as soon as may be —

The Article relative to Instruction — read And the Question was put Viz^t. "Whether the Town will Instruct their Representatives" - - - - Passed in the Negative

The Committee Appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Town Treasurer & Reported and the same having been read & Accepted the Town Clerk was directed to Record the Same & hand [**35.**] said Report to the Committee Appointed to Estimate the Expences of the Town the ensuing Year, which Committee are desired to make Report at the Adjournment —

The Report is as follows

The Committee Appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Town Treasurey & examine the draughts of the Selectmen and Overseers, report that the Treasurer Accounts are right cast and the Charges Well Vouched, the General State of the Treasurey is as follows Viz^t.

D^r.

To Ballance of the Towns Account for Orders on the Treasurer &c - - - - -	2475 . 2 . 3
To Notes payable for the Treasurer Notes to Sundry People - - - - - - - -	12377 . 17 . 1
due to Sundry Creditors - - - - -	558 . 17 —
due to the Jeffries Estate - - - - -	158 . 9 . 8
due for Interest part of which has been due 14 years - - - - - - - - - -	2478 . 18 ,, 10
	18,049 ,, 4 ,, 10

C^r.

due from sundry Persons mostly Bad - -			356 . 14 . 10
due from Savage Gray & Cudworth - - -			632 ,, 11 ,, 4
D^o. Daniel Parker - - - - - - - - -			1318 . 13 . 2
			2307
Charles Williams for 85 - -	103 ,, 2 ,, 6		
Ditto - - - 86 - -	914 . 19 . 10		
Benj^a. Henderson - - - -	839 . 18 ,, 8		
J. Thompson - - - - - -	549 . 16 . 3		
T. Bayley - - - - - - -	220 ,, 8 —		
			2628 ,, 5 ,, 3
due from the State - - - - - - - - - - -			6471 ,, 16 . 8
Old Continental Money on hand - - - - -			
@ 75 for one the rate of which it was received			554 ,, 0 . 9
			£11,962 ,, 2 ,, —

[**36.**] By this Statement it Appears that the debts due from

the Town Amount to £18.049 ,, 4 . 10 and that there is Little or no dependance on receiving Any debts due to the Town to discharge them, those due from Former Collector's and from others for rents — are Supposed to be Irrecoverable & those due from the present Collectors the Treasurer informs us will be if not wholly discharged by Abatements & Premiums to the Collectors so that there remains only the debt due from the State; towards discharging these debts — and the State debt Cannot be paid but by Orders on the Collectors which are now Selling at 8/ in the pound. —

The Committee have received from the Selectmen the Following Accounts of their Expenditures for the Year past from March 86 — to March 1787 — Viz^{t}.

Watchmen Wages &c	£707 ,,	2 ,,	10
repairing the Towns Estate	307 ,,	13 .	2
repairing Engines &c	104 ,,	14 ,,	5
Paving & Gravel on the Neck	818 ,,	19 ,,	4½
Assessors Wages	401 ,,	14 ,,	—
Lamps Lamp lighters & Oil	479 ,,	10 ,,	7½
Sundrys to be paid by the State	107 ,,	18 ,,	1
Paving & Gravel within the Town	1079 ,,	13 ,,	9
Premiums for Engine men being first at a Fire	18 ,,	4 —	
Schoolmasters & Ushers	1684 ,,	3 ,,	3
Collectors of Taxes	337 ,,	19 ,,	4
Ferry Street Wall	738 ,,	6 ,,	—
Premium to Nazro for Collecting the dues of the Market ⅓	50 ,,	16 ,,	5
Printing the By Laws	78 ,,	15 —	
Printing & Stationary	112 ,,	2 ,,	10
[37.] Town Clark his Salary	130 ,,	——	
Ditto for Services 1783	50 ,,	——	
Town Treasurer	130 ,,	——	
Nazro for Attending the Selectmen	50 ,,	——	
repairing Burial Place	29 ,,	8 ,,	6
Visitation of the Schools	45 ,,	14 ,,	—
repairs of the Town Clocks	29 ,,	13 ,,	6
Constables for Servises	5 ,,	2 ,,	2
Pump at Dock Square	2 ,,	8 ,,	—
Town Bulls	13 ,,	10 ,,	—
Ringing the Bells	32 ,,	13 ,,	9
Fanuiel Hall Market	9 ,,	0 .	10
Visitation Deer Island	17 ,,	18 ,,	2
Preambulation with Roxbury	5 ,,	9 ,,	—
repairs Beacon Hill	57 ,,	17 —	
Storage of Powder	4 ,,	11 ,,	11½
Badges for Chimney Sweepers & Porters	5 ,,	18 —	
Hospital at West Boston to be Charged the State	14 ,,	9 ,,	6¾
Surveying the Town Land	4 ,,	3 ,,	—

Coals for the Selectmens Room - - - - -	6 ,,	2 ,,	—
Expences at Town Meeting - - - - - - -	11 ,,	6 .	5
Sundry Towns for sending out their Poor - -	7 ,,	9 ,,	—
Clerks of the Market their Expences - - -	10 ,,	——	
	£7,700 ,,	7 ,,	11¼
The Amount of Selectmens draughts for the Last year Brought Over - - - - - - -	7,700 .	7 ,,	11¼

£2657 ,, 12 ,, 4½ of the Above Expences the Selectmen Suppose will not be incurred the Ensuing Year —

But the Committee are of Opinion that Other Expences will Arise to the Town perhaps to as Large an Amount as for many Years past; there has been Sundry Expences, which at the time of Granting the Money were not in the Calculation —

[38.] The Amount of the Overseers draught from March 86 — to March 1787 — was - -	2,972 ,,	14 ,,	4
	£10673 ,,	2 ,,	3¼

The Town the Last Year Voted, £7,000 a Considerable part of that Sum must be deducted for Abatements &c — as the Treasurer has paid from March 86 — to May 1787 - - - - - - - - £1902 ,, 16 . 3 for Abatements and Premiums to the Collectors which Leaves Only About £5,000 — therefore the Town is near £6000 more in debt than they was in March 1786 besides the Interest due in the £12,377 ,, 7 ,, 1 — Only part of that having been paid the Last year - - - The Town will also see by the General Statement that they are Indebted £2478 ,, 7 ,, 10 for Interest on the Treasurers Notes for £12,377 ,, 7 ,, 1 - - part of which has been due 14 Years and much the Greater part from 5. to 12 Years —

Joseph Russell Junr. ℘ Order

Voted, that the Committee Appointed to Estimate the Sum Necessary to be raised to defrey the Expences of the Current Year, take into their consideration what Steps are necessary to be taken to Obtain the Debt due from the Commonwealth & Report the same to the Town

Moved & Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to put the Bonds given by M^r. Parker a late Collector for the Years 1784 & 1785 in Suit at a Court properly Authorised to try the same as soon as may be

Moved & Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to settle with Col^o. Symms relative to What he stands indebted on the Town Treasurer's Books & to Report at the Adjournment

[39.] Adjourned to Wednesday
May 16th. 3 O'Clock P. M - - - - - -

Wednesday the 16th of May 3' O Clock Afternoon

Met According to Adjournment —

The Committee on Constables Petition not being Able to Report, moved & Voted, that said Committee be desired to Report at next Town Meeting - - - - - -

The Committee to estimate the Sum necessary to be raised to defray the Expenses of the present Year & to consider what Sums will be proper to grant to the several Officers in the pay of the Town - - - Reported, and the same being considered - - The Town came into the following Resolutions - - - -

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred Ninety five Pounds be allowed & paid unto Mr. Samuel Hunt for his Salary the present Year the same to commence the 1st. of March Inst. and to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due —

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred Ninety five Pounds be allowed & paid unto Mr. Nathan Davis for his Salary the present Year the same to commence the 1st. of March Inst: and to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred & Seventy pounds, be allowed & paid unto Mr. John Tileston for his Salary as Master of the North Writing School the present Year the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence from the 1st. of March Inst:

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred and Seventy Pounds be Allowed & paid unto Mr. James [40.] Carter, for his Salary as Master of the Writing School in Queen Street the present Year the same to be paid him Quarterly & to commence the 1st. of March Inst:

Voted, that Mr. John Vinal Master of Writing School in the Common have the Sum paid in the like manner —

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred and Seventy Pounds be allowed & paid unto Mr. Samuel Cheney for his Salary as Master of the New Writing School at the North End, the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, & to commence from the 1st. of March Inst. —

Voted, that Mr. John Tileston Master of the North Writing School, be allowed for House Rent the present Year the Sum of

Forty Pounds the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, & to commence the 1st. of March Inst.

Voted, that Mr. Nathan Davis Master of the North Grammar School be allowed for House Rent the present Year, the Sum of Forty Pounds the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence from the 1st of March Inst. —

Voted, that Mr. John Vinal Master of the Writing School in the Common be allowed for House Rent the present Year the Sum of Forty Pounds, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence from the 1t. of March Inst:

Voted, that Mr. Samuel Cheney Master of the New Writing School at the North End be allowed for House Rent the present Year the Sum of Forty Pounds the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence the 1t. of March Inst.

[**41.**] Voted, that Mr. Amasa Dingley Usher of the South Grammer School be Allowed and paid the Sum of Ninety Seven pounds ten shillings the same to be paid him Quarterly

Voted, that the Ushers of the Writing Schools be Allowed for their Salaries as Ushers Eighty five pounds ℔ Annum each, the same to be paid Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence from the 1t. of March Inst. —

Voted, that the Six Masters of the public Schools, have ten Cord of Wood each provided for them by the Selectmen —

Voted, that William Cooper be allowed and paid the Sum of One hundred & thirty Pounds for his Services as Town Clerk the Year ensuing the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to Commence the 1st. of March Inst. - - - -

Voted that Mr. Peter Boyer be allowed and paid the Sum of One hundred and thirty Pounds for his Services as Treasurer the present Year the same to be paid him Quarterly as it become due & to commence the 1st. of March Inst.

On a Motion — Voted, that the Remaining part of ye. Report of the Committee on the Sum necessary to be raised for the ensuing Year be recommitted in Order that they make a Particular Estimate of the Sums necessary to be raised for the ensuing Year, & that the Selectmen & Overseers be directed to Give said Committee all the Assistance & information in their Power relative thereto — The Committee are also to report on Mr. Tilestons Petition —

[**42.**] The Town Clerk directed to Notify the Inhabitants in

all the Papers that a Motion has been made for a very large Sum to be raised to defray the Expences of the present Year & that for the Consideration of said Motion the Meeting is adjourned to next Monday Seven night, when it is expected there will be a very general Attendance of the Inhabitants —

Adjourned to Monday the 28th. Inst: 3 O Clock P. M. - - - -

Monday the 28th of May 3 O Clock P. M. Met According to Adjournment - - - - - - - -

Govr: Hancocks Letter praying that he may have leave to withdraw his Petition relative to Beacon Hill was read & leave granted Accordingly —

The Committee to Estimate the Sum Necessary to be raised for the Expences of the Town Reported again, whereupon —

Voted, that the Sum of £12,000 including the £3000 Voted for in March last for the Overseers of the Poor be raised by a Tax to be Assessed on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, to defrey the Expences of the Current Year —

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed to give order for payment to Master John Tileston for the Sum of £396 — now due to him on M^r. Williams & M^r. Henderson with Orders for them to be as speedy as possible in discharging the same from the first Monies that may come into their hands not militating with Orders that may Already be drawn upon them, or making such discounts as may Necessarily rise in favour of Persons Owing Taxes —

[**43.**] Moved, That the Town Treasurer be and hereby is directed in future not to draw any Orders upon the Collectors to discharge any debts due from the Town Except to Discount a Tax due from the Person in whose favor the order is drawn - - - whereupon. Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to insert the substance of the Above Motion in the next Warrant for a Town Meeting —

Moved & Voted, that all Matters & things unfinished at this Meeting be referred over to the next Town Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuiel Hall on Wednesday the 4th Day of July A. D. 1787. 10 O Clock A. M.

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - - read

John Brown Esqr:
was chosen a Moderator by a Hand Vote

The Committee Appointed the last Year to make Choise of a Gentleman to deliver an Oration on this Anniversary of Independence

Reported,
[**44.**] That they had made Choise of Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr. for the purpose aforesaid who had Accepted of that Service —

On Motion Voted, that the Oration be delivered at the Chapel Church 10 O Clock leave having been given for the same —

Voted, that the Selectmen Acquaint M^{r}: Dawes with the aforegoing Vote - - - - -

The Meeting was Adjourned to Chapel Church

10. O Clock, Met, at the Chapel Church According to Adjournment —

AN ORATION

to commemorate the Independence of the United States, was delivered by Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr. at the Chapel Church to a large and crouded Assembly
Voted, that the
Selectmen
be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to wait on Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr. and in the name of the Town to Thank him for the Spirited and pertinent Oration this Day delivered by him at the request of the Town upon the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America in which According to the institution of the Town, he considered the feeling Manners & Principles which led to that great National Event — And to request of him a Copy for the Press

On Motion Voted, that
The Gentlemen the Selectmen be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to Apply to some learned an Able Gentleman to deliver an Oration on the 4th of July A. D. 1788. that Day being the Anniversary of [**45.**] Independence of the United States of America wherein the Orator, is to consider the feelings manner & principles which led to this great National Event, as well as the important and happy Effects, whether General or Domestic

which have Already and will forever continue to flow from that Auspicious Epoch

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuiel Hall on Monday the 9th Day of July A. D. 1787 - - - - - -

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - - read

The Town having determined to come to the choise of a Representative Agreeably to a Precept received for that purpose the Inhabitants brought in their Votes, when it Appeared that

Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr.
was chosen a Representative for the remainder of the Year, by a Majority of Votes

The choise of Representative being over
The Hon le: Samuel Adams Esqr. was chosen Moderator to transact other Matters Mentioned in the Warrant

The Article relative to Treasurers Draughts read
Whereupon
[**46.**] Voted, That Whereas the Negotiating *Draughts or Orders* drawn by the Town Treasurer is found to be greatly detrimental to all the Officers & Servants of the Town, as well as to all who are employed by the Selectmen to do any business, or furnish any Materials, and consequently is ruinous to the Credit of the Town at Large —

It is therefore
Voted, That the Treasurer be and hereby is directed not to issue any Orders on any of the Collectors of Taxes in future unless in favor of such Person as are or may be Creditors to the Town & in that case to the Amount only of their Taxes & the Treasurer is further directed not to Accept of any Order that may hereafter be drawn upon him by any Creditor, whatsoever

The Article relative to Negroes — read
whereupon it was Moved & Voted, that the further consideration of this Article subside —

All Matters, unfinished referred over to Next General Town Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

[47.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of The Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday Septr. 19th. 10 OClock Forenoon —

Warrant for calling the Meeting read - - - - - - - - -

M^{r}. Nathl: Appleton, chosen Moderator & excused from serving - - - -

Honble: Samuel Adams chosen Moderator excused being confined by a Cold —

Honble: Saml: A. Otis Esqr:
chosen Moderator ———

"The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}.
To consider whether a more convenient place for the holding of the General Court than the present can be procured, in the Town. was read whereupon

Voted, that Honble: Saml. A. Otis Esqr.
Honble: William Phillips Esqr.
Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Nathl. Appleton
Perez Morton Esqr.
Saml. Breck Esqr.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
Joseph Russell Esqr.
be a Committee to consider this Article at large & Report at the Adjournment of this Meeting what [48.] They may Judge will be for the Interest of the Town to be done thereon - - - - -

Moved & Voted, that this Meeting be Adjourned to Wednesday the 3^{d}. Day of October next this Day fortnight 10 O Clock Forenoon —

Wednesday 10 O Clock Forenoon —

Met According to Adjournment —

The Report of the Committee on Article in the Warrant read — & then Adjourned to 3 O Clock P : M :

3 O Clock P : M : Met According to Adjournment

The Committee Appointed by this Town on the 19th of September to Consider at Large whether a more convenient Place for holding the General Court, than the present can be procured in this Town — Reported, which Report as amended and Accepted by the Town is as follows Viz. :

That they have Attended the Business and examined the several Squares & Platts of Ground belonging to the Town, which Appeared Suitable for the purpose of erecting a Building to Accommodate the respective Branches of the Goverment, and are of Opinion that there are many such which are more convenient than, the Place on which the Town House now stands; and they submit to the Town whether it will not be for the Interest & Honor of the Inhabitants to make an offer to the Goverment of either of these, which the Honourable Court may select for this end Except the Common which is already Appropriated to Other [**49.**] Public purposes, Together with a Sum not exceeding Three Thousand Pounds to be Credited upon the Warrants the Town has now on the Treasury of the Commonwealth and to be Appropriated as Above described

And your Committee Further report that the Pasture now in Possession of M^{r}. W^{m}: Foster Appears An eligble Situation for such Building and recomend to the Town, to Appoint a Committee to make a Purchase of the same by Exchanging any other of the Towns Property or in any way which shall Appear to said Committee most conducive to the Towns Interest—

Saml. A: Otis ℘ Order

Voted, that the Honble: William Phillips Esqr. be and hereby is Appointed and Authorized to purchase a Pasture now in possession of M^{r}. W^{m}. Foster by exchanging any other of the Towns property or in any Way which shall Appear to him most conducive to the Towns Interest—

Voted, that the Committee who have Reported to the Town be a Committee to confer with a Committee of the General Court relative to the Subject Matter of said Report

Voted, that all Matters and Things that remai unfinished be refered over to the next General Town Meeting—

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved—

[**50.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuel Hall on Friday the 7th Day of December A. D. 1787—

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Clark

Warrant for calling the Meeting—read.

The Resolves of Congress & the General Court of this Commonwealth - - - - - - read

The Town having determined to Choose twelve Persons as Asserting to & ratifying the Constitution the Inhabitants were directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes, for Twelve Persons, for the purpose Aforesaid & that it was Declared by the Selectmen, that the Poll would be Closed at half past twelve O Clock

The Votes, being brought in for Twelve Persons the Number of the same were found to be 763 & upon sorting them it Appeared that the following Persons where Chosen by a Majority of Votes — Viz^{t}. —

	Votes
His Excell^{y}: Honble: John Hancock Esqr. - - - - - -	751
Honble: James Bowdoin Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	760
Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	628
Honble: William Phillips Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	740
Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	603
Charles Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - - -	714
John C. Jones Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - - -	635
John Winthrop Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - - -	661
Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	749
Rev^{d}. Samuel Stillman - - - - - - - - - - - -	739
Thomas Russell Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - - -	610
Christopher Gore Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - -	517

Adjourned to Monday next 10 OClock Forenoon

[**51.**] Monday, the 10th Day of Decem^{r}. 1787 — 10. O Clock Met According to Adjournment —

The consideration of the Choice of a Representative referred to 12. O Clock —

Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.

Chosen Moderator in Order to preseed to the Other Bussiness Mentioned in the Warrant —

On the Petition of the Constables for Allowance for their Services, Voted, that it be referred to the Selectmen as a Committee to consider & Allow from time to time such reasonable Sums as they may think Adequate for services performed —

The Article in the Warrant relative to William Phillips Esqr. read, whereupon —

Voted, that the Town hereby ratify & confirm the Agreement he made with M^{r}. William Foster in the exchange of two Stores belonging to the Town for a Pasture at the Bottom of the Common & confirm the Deed given for the same in consequence of said Agreement for two Warehouses, mentioned as Above bearing date the 6th Day of October last —

The Inhabitants, were directed to withdraw & bring in their

Votes for an Overseer of the Poor & on sorting them it Appeared that Mr. William Smith, was Chosen —

Voted, that all matters not acted upon be referred over to the next Town Meeting —

Selectmen Preside

Precept for the choice of a Representative, read, whereupon —

The Town having determined to come to the Choice of a Representative Agreeably to a Precept for that purpose the Inhabitants brought in their Votes, when it Appeared that the whole number were 165 —

Jonathan Mason Esqr.
was chose a Representative for the remainder of the Year by a Majority of the Votes —

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

[52.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 10th Day of March Anno Domini 1788 — 10. O Clock Forenoon —

Prayer was made by the Revd: Mr: Belknap

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

Sundry Laws to be read at this Meeting were accordingly - - - - - - - - - - - - read —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for a Moderator & the same being brought in & sorted, it Appeared, that

The Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr:
was chosen —

William Cooper —
was chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing and took the Oath of Office for the faithful discharge of his Duty, which Oath was Administred to him by Mr. Justice Crafts — Also the Oath of Allegiance which was given him by Mr. Justice Barret; and signed as the Law directs —

The Town having determined by a Vote to Choose Nine Selectmen — the Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes for that Number; and the same being brought in and sorted; it Appeared that the following Gentelmen. Vizt.

[53.] John Scollay Esqr.
Harbotle Dorr Esqr.

Ezekiel Price Esqr.
John Brown Esqr.
Capt. Edward Tyler
John Andrews Esqr.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
Deacon William Boardman
M^{r}. Ebenezer Sever —

were Chosen Selectmen for the year ensuing and had the Oath of Allegiance Administred to them by the Town Clerk — the same was also sign'd by them as the Law directs —

Votes for a County Treasurer of the County of Suffolk, brought in and counted by the Moderator and Town Clerk, when it Appeared that the whole number was two hundred eighty one, and that they were all for Thomas Crafts Esqr: a discret Suitable Person, being a Freeholder & Resident in the same County —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for twelve Overseers of the Poor, and the Votes having been brought in & Sorted it Appeared, that

Jonathan Mason Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Whitwell
John White Esqr.
Edward Proctor Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
Jon^{a}: L. Austin Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Parkman
M^{r}. Edward Edes
[54.] Henry Hill Esqr.
M^{r}. John Codman Junr.
M^{r}. William Smith
M^{r}. William Phillips Junr.

were Chosen Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for sixteen Fire Wards, and the same having been brought in and sorted. it Appeared that —

William Cooper
Edward Proctor Esqr.
M^{r}. John Lovell
M^{r}. Thomas Tileston
Thomas Melville Esqr.
M^{r}. John Winthrop
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Capt. John Ballard
Andrew Symms Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph Clark
M^{r}. Jacob Rhodes
Samuel Brick Esqr.
M^{r}. Henry Bass

Col°. John May
Paul D. Sergeant Esqr-
Ebenezer Hancock Esqr.
were Choose Fire-Wards for the Year ensuing

The Inhabitants withdrew & brought in their Votes for a Town Treasurer, and upon sorting them it Appeared that —

Peter Boyer Esqr.

was chosen Town Treasurer for the Year ensuing, who took the Oath of Office, also the Oath of Allegiance & subscribed to the same which Oaths were Administred to him by the Town Clerk

[**55.**] The Votes being brought in for a Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market upon sorting them it Appeared, that

M^r. Matthew Nazro

was chosen Clerk of said Market for the Year ensuing

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes for 12 Constables, and upon sorting them it Appeared that

Messrs:	Subael Hews - - - - - - - -	Sworn
	Samuel Whitney - - - - - - -	d°.
	John Butterfield - - - - - - -	d°.
	Benjamin Homans - - - - - -	d°.
	John Cades - - - - - - - - -	d°.
	James Perkins - - - - - - -	d°.
	John Bosson - - - - - - - -	d°.
	James Williams - - - - - - -	d°.
	Samuel Smith - - - - - - -	d°.
	Francis Booth - - - - - - -	d°.
	William Cooper the 2^d. - - -	d°.

were chose Constables for the Year ensuing & were all qualified as the Law directs —

Adjourned to 3. O : Clock P : M :

3. O Clock P : M : Met According to Adjournment

Messrs:	Joseph Ballard - - - - - - -	Sworn
	Henry Blaisdel - - - - - - -	d°.
	Benjamin Page - - - - - - -	d°.
	James Rogers - - - - - - -	d°.
	Samuel Dyer - - - - - - - -	d°.
	John Champney - - - - - - -	d°.
	Joseph Ayres - - - - - - -	d°.
	Benjamin White - - - - - - -	d°.
	Abraham Howard - - - - - -	d°.
[**56.**]	Joshua Bentley - - - - - - -	Sworn
	Edmund Ranger - - - - - - -	d°.
	Clement Collins - - - - - - -	d°.

were chose Surveyers of Boards & Shingles for the Year ensuing —

Messrs: Samuel Harris - - - - - - - Sworn
Job Wheelwright - - - - - - d°.
Joseph Basset - - - - - - - d°.
Henry Purket - - - - - - - d°.
Joseph Whittemore - - - - - - d°.
William Parkman - - - - - - d°.
Lemuel Gardner . - - - - - - d°.
Joseph Loring - - - - - - - d°.
Thomas Fooler - - - - - - - d°.
Caleb Hayden - - - - - - - d°.
Joshua Pico - - - - - - - - d°.
John Bray - - - - - - - - d°.
were chose Cullers of Staves & Hoops for the Year ensuing

The Selectmen
were chose Surveyors of High Ways for the Year ensuing

Messrs: Benjamin White - - - - - - Sworn
James Ridgway - - - - - - - d°.
Edmund Ranger - - - - - - - d°.
Andrew Townsend - - - - - - d°.
William Crafts - - - - - - - d°.
were chose Fence Viewers for the Year ensuing

Messrs: Adam Colsen
Abraham Adams
were chose Informers of Deer for the Year ensuing

[57.] Messrs: George Hamlen - - - - - Sworn
John Skinner - - - - - - - - d°.
William Sharp - - - - - - - d°.
were chose Hogreeves for the Year ensuing

Messrs: William Billings - - - - - - - Sworn
Samuel Bangs - - - - - - - d°.
Nathan Green - - - - - - - d°.
Thomas Bradlee - - - - - - - d°.
James Bruce - - - - - - - - d°.
were chose Sealers of Leather for the Year ensuing

Messrs: George Hamlin - - - - - - - Sworn
Samuel Curtis - - - - - - - d°.
John Skinner - - - - - - - d°.
were chose Haywards for the Year ensuing

Messrs: Thomas Green
John Skinner
were chose Assay Masters for the ensuing Year

John White Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
were chose Surveyers of Wheat for the Year ensuing

Messrs: William M^{c}.Neil
John Gray
were chose Surveyers of Hemp for the ensuing Year

Messrs: William Lowder - - - - - - Sworn
Gyles Harris Esqr. - - - - - d^{o}.
Samuel Ruggles Esqr. - - - - d^{o}.
John R. Sigorney - - - - - d^{o}.
M^{r}. Edward Davis - - - - - - d^{o}.
[**58.**] were chose Assessors for the Year ensuing, who all took the Oath of Office & Allegiance & signed the latter as by Law directed, which Oaths were Administred by the Town Clerk —

The Selectmen, chosen
a Committee to Visit Schools —

Voted, that Joseph Barrel Esqr.
M^{r}. Herman Brimmer
M^{r}. Joseph May
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
M^{r}. Bossinger Foster
be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to Audit the Accounts of the Town Treasurer and also the Accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, — and Report as soon as may be —

(Memorandum — the aforegoing Vote respecting the Auditors of Town Treasurers Accounts, is not altogether similar, to the one Appointing Auditors the last Year —

The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. "Whether the Selectmen shall be empowered to give Names to such Streets as have gone by different Names since the Revolution and to Record the same in the Town Books, as also the Names of such Streets as have not yet been Recorded" — was read and considered — whereupon —

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to give Names to the Streets. & to Record the same Agreeably to said Articles in the Warrant —

[**59.**] The Article in the Warrant relative to Sign Boards, read, when it was moved & Voted that the consideration thereof be referred until After the Town have Acted upon the Article relative to a Revision of the By Laws —

The Petition of Joseph Cunningham & Mary his Wife, read,— whereupon

Voted, that a Committee be appointed to consider said Petition, hear the Abuttors and Report thereon at the Adjournment —

Voted, that Thomas Dawes Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Parkman
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
M^{r}. John R Sigorney
Deacon Sharp
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid —

Moved and Voted, that a Committee be Appointed to take into consideration what Steps may be best taken for the choice of Clerks of the Market

Voted, that Col^{o}. Dawes
Col^{o}. Proctor
M^{r}. Moses Grant
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid & to Report at the Adjournment —

Voted, that the Assessors be and hereby are impowered & directed to set for such Abatement of Taxes as they shall Judge reasonable two Days in each Week After the delivery of the Tax Bills to the [**60.**] Collectors for the Space of six Weeks and no longer; saving that they be allowed to set the Last Week in February, Lords' Days excepted, for the Abatement of the Taxes of such Persons as had not an Opportunity of Applying in the Above limited time by reason of their being out of the Commonwealth or any other unavoidable hindrance, and that the Assessors Determine upon the said two Days, which is to be delivered the Inhabitants —

Voted, that the Allowance to the Assessors be six shillings ℔ Day for the time they may Set in doing the Business of their Office

Voted, that four Per Cent be Allowed and hereby is Allowed to the Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing for all such Sums of Money and public Securities as they shall Collect & pay into the several Treasuries of the Sums committed to them to Collect within ten Months from the receipt of the Tax Books, and Three ℔ Cent on all such other Sums as shall afterwards be Collected, also that such Collectors shall give Bond with Sufficient Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of their duty in said Office & complying with this Vote — and that they will not receive any Premium or Gratuity for discounting any Order Note or Receipt from the Treasurer of the State, or the Treasurer of the Town —

Messrs :	James Thompson	Sworn
	Thomas Bayley —	Sworn
	Benjamin Henderson	sworn
	Charles Williams	sworn

Were chose Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing

[**61.**] On a Motion Voted, that the choice of Wardens be referred to the Meeting of this Town that may be called next after the setting of the General Court, in May next —

On Motion Voted, that
Jonathan Mason Esqr.
Col^{o}. Crafts
M^{r}. Ebenezer Dorr
Col^{o}. Sergeant
Capt. Nathaniel Somes
be a Committee to consider what the Collectors of Taxes have to offer relative to some embarassments which they are under with respect to paying in the State Taxes, and Report at the Adjournment

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants relative to a New School, was read & considered whereupon —

Voted, that the Prayer of the Petition be so far granted as that the Selectmen be Authorised and empowered to hire the School of the present Proprietors, and that they be requested to Appoint M^{r}. Ticknor the Master of said School at the expence of the Town — Also

Voted, that Christ^{r} : Gore Esqr.
Col^{o}. Sergeant
Col^{o}. Crafts
Col^{o}. Waters
M^{r}. Ebenezer Dorr (excused)
Deacon Bates
be a Committee to enquire of the Circumstances of the [**62.**] South Quarter of the Town, and Determine what is also Necessary to be done to Accommodate that part of the Town with a Public School —

Adjourned To Wednesday the 19th of March Current 10. O Clock A : M.

Wednesday the 19th of March. 10. O'Clock Fore-Noon — Met According to Adjournment —

Messrs : Manassah Marston sworn
Edward Burt - - - - - - - - sworn
John Owen - - - - - - - - Sworn
William Foot - - - - - - - Sworn
were chose Surveyers of Hoops for the Year ensuing

Messrs : Joshua Davis - - - - - - - - sworn
John Cogswell - - - - - - - d^{o}.
Moses May - - - - - - - - d^{o}.
were chose Surveyors of Boards for the Year ensuing

On a Motion — Voted, that the Choice of such Officers as are wanting & have not qualified themselves as the Law directs, be referred untill May Meeting

The Committee to whom was referred the Application of the Collectors for relief on the Abatements in the late State Tax — Reported

That After conferring with the Collectors and debating the Several proposals are of Opinion —

That by empowering the Town Treasurer, with such other Persons as the Town may think best to Add, to be a Committee to procure on the best Terms such kind of Paper as will discharge said Tax & empower the Treasurer to give his Notes to the Lenders payable out of the next Tax with Interest, And that a Tax of four hundred pounds be Added to discharge said Notes —

[**63.**] The aforegoing Report having been read —

Voted, that the same be accepted, and that Jonathan Mason Esqr: Thomas Walley Esqr. & Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr: be a Committee to Assist the Treasurer in this Business —

On a Motion Voted, that
M^{r}. John Fenno
Deacon Sharp
M^{r}. Moses Grant
be a Committee to prepare an Estimate of the Sum necessary to be raised for the Expences of the Current Year, and that they confer with the Committee to Audit the Town Treasurers Account & Report as soon as may be —

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Cunningham & Mary his Wife have attended the service Assigned them — And conferred with the Gentlemen Selectmen, heard the Abutters, viewed the Premises; and take leave to Report as their Opinion: That if the Land whereon the Building mentioned in the said Petition was now Vacant; the Town have a right to Erect Buildings, so as to cover the same — That the Abutters are injured by the present Buildings only under the Idea, that if the Land was now Vacant, the Town would not Build thereon — Therefore that the whole Business be left with the Gentlemen the Selectmen, either to order the Buildings down so far as the Incroachment is made; or dispose of the Land, as they shall Judge most for the benefit & Advantage of the Town — And further that the remaining Part of the Land belonging to the Town, lying South West of and butting on the said Cunningham House be given into the Streets and Alleys for the better Accomodating the Inhabitants in that Neighbourhood

Thomas Davis ℘ Order

[**64.**] The aforegoing Report having been read & considered, Voted, that the same be Accepted, also

Voted, that the Selectmen be & hereby are Authorised & empowered in Case they should Judge it best to dispose of said Lands & to give and execute good and sufficient Deeds — therefore —

The Petition of a Number of Blackmen was read — whereupon

Voted, that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition —

William Scollay Esqr. - - - - -	sworn
M^{r}. Samuel Cabot - - - - - -	excused
M^{r}. Elisha Sigorney - - - - - -	sworn
M^{r}. Joseph Laughton - - - - -	d^{o}.
M^{r}. Lemuel Cravath - - - - - -	d^{o}.
M^{r}. John Winslow - - - - - -	d^{o}.
M^{r}. Joseph May - - - - - - -	d^{o}.
M^{r}. Henry Prentiss - -	Absent excused
M^{r}. John Parker - - - - - - -	d^{o}.
M^{r}. Joseph Howard - - - - - -	d^{o}.
M^{r}. Benjamin Hammet Junr. - -	d^{o}.
M^{r}. Samuel Gore - - - - - - -	d^{o}.

were chose Clarks of the Market for the Year ensuing, by a written Vote — The Committee relative to Clerks of Market Reporting as by their Report on file, that it was best for the present Year or at least, that they should be chose by a written Vote —

The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. — "That a Revision of the By Laws of the Town may be had, and that such Additions and Amendments may be made thereon as shall be Judged proper was read — Whereupon —

[**65.**] Voted, that Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Christopher Gore Esqr.
William Tudor Esqr.
M^{r}. John Fenno
Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr.
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid, and they are to consider the Article in the Warrant relative to Sign Boards, projecting into the Streets — Also of any other Incumbrances — And to Report as soon as may be

On Motion, Voted, that the Committee Appointed to prepare an Estimate of the Sum Necessary to be raised, the present Year, be a Committee to Consider of the Salaries and Grants necessary for the School-Masters; & that said Committee Notify the School Masters, Town Clark, Town Treasurer & Other Salary Men, who have not had their pay Voted them, of their time of setting that

they may be heard by said Committee, before they Report thereon to the Town

Moved & Voted, that all Matters and Things which remain unfinished at this Meeting be referred over to the General Town Meeting in May next —

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to the Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr. y^{e}. Moderator for his good services in forwarding the Business of this Meeting

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

[66.] At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Boston of twenty one Years of Age and upwards qualified as the Constitution prescribes, and legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 7th Day of April Anno Domini 1788 — 9 O Clock A : M —

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Parker

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - - read

Paragraph of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment, relative to choice of Governor L^{t}. Governor and Senators - - - - - also Read —

It was declared by the Selectmen that no Votes, would be received but such as are unfolded, and that they propose the Poll shall be closed at 12 O Clock

On a Motion, Voted, that the Bells in the Town be set a Tolling ½ an Hour before 12 O'Clock

Persons *Voted* for as *Governor*, with the number of Votes for each Person Viz^{t}.

	Votes
His Excellency John Hancock Esqr. - - -	1427
Honble: James Bowdoin Esqr. - - - - - -	5
Honble: Elbridge Gerry Esqr - - - - - - -	5

Persons Voted, for Lieu^{t}: Governor with the Number of Votes, for each Person — Viz^{t}.

	Votes
[67.] Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.- - - - - - - -	814
Honble: Benjamin Lincoln Esqr. - - - - - -	630
Honble: James Warren Esqr. - - - - - - -	1
Honble: William Phillips Esqr. - - - - - - -	1

Persons *Voted* for as *Senators* for the County of Suffolk, with the number of Votes, for each Person — Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr. - - - - - - -	1450
Honble: William Phillips Esqr. - - - - - -	1360
Honble: Cotton Tufts Esqr. - - - - - - -	1439
Honble. Stephen Metcalf Esqr. - - - - - -	1429
Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr. - - - - - - -	1428
Honble: Elijah Dunbar Esqr. - - - - - - -	1261
Honble: Benjamin Austin Ju^{r}. Esqr. - - -	181
Honble: Benjamin Lincoln Esqr. - - - - - -	86
Honble: William Heath Esqr. - - - - - - -	11
Samuel Breck Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - -	4
Honble: Richard Cranch Esqr. - - - - - -	15
Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr. - - - - - - -	2
Honble: Stephen Higginson Esqr. - - - - -	1
Jonathan Mason Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	1
Honble: Benjamin Austin Esqr. - - - - - -	1
Honble: John Fisher Esqr. - - - - - - - -	1
D^{r}. John Metcalf - - - - - - - - - - -	4

Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as Governor Lieu^{t}. Governor and Senators for the County of Suffolk, were committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth, and the Inclosures sealed up in Town Meeting Superscribed as follows — Viz^{t}.

For
John Avery Esqr.
Secretary of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

[**68.**] The number of Votes of the Town of Boston for a Governor Lieu^{t}. Governor and Six Senators for the County of Suffolk, Certified within and Sealed up in Town Meeting

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the 13th. Day of May. A : D : 1788 — 10 O'Clock A : M

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d} : M^{r}. Geyer

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

That part of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment which relates to the choice of Representatives - - - - - read

Sundry Laws to be read at said Meeting or parts of them were Accordingly - - - - - - - read

The Town having determined to Choose Seven Persons to Represent them in the General Court of Massachusetts to be held at the State House at Boston on the Last Wednesday of May Current Agreeably to the Constitution or Frame of Goverment for the Massachusetts — The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Seven Representatives, and then it was declared by the Selectmen [**69.**] that no Votes should be received but such as were unfolded, and that they proposed the Poll should be Closed at 12 O'Clock —

The Votes being brought in for Seven Representatives, the number of the same were found to be eight hundred & fifteen; and upon sorting them it Appeared that the following Gentlemen were Chosen by a Majority of Votes — Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr. - - - - -	576
Samuel Breck Esqr. - - - - - - -	805
Jonathan Mason Esqr. - - - - - -	801
John Coffin Jones Esqr. - - - - - -	580
Charles Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - - -	810
Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr. - - - - -	812
Thomas Russell Esqr. - - - - - -	565

The choice of Representatives being over and declared by the Selectmen, it was moved & Voted, that a Moderator be chosen to preside at the Meeting for Transacting the Other Matters mentioned in the Warrant

Hon^{le}: Samuel Adams Esqr.
was chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote —

The Petition for Paving Battery March Street was read, and four Other Petitions for paving or Repairing other Streets, were laid before the Town — whereupon

Voted, that the Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr.
William Bell Esqr.
[**70.**] Deacon Gibbons Sharp Esqr:
Charles Miller Esqr.
M^{r}. Rufus Sturgis
be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to consider said Petitions together with the representation of the Selectmen on the same Subjeet and to Report their Opinion at the Adjournment as to the expediency of paving or repairing any of said Streets Also an Estimate of the expence thereof —

Adjourned to Wednesday the 21st Ins^{t}: at 10 O Clock A : M :—

Wednesday the 21st of May 10: O'Clock — Town Met According to Adjournment —

Mr. Prentice excused from serving as a Clerk of the Market —

Mr. John Cabot excused from serving a Clerk of the Market —

Mr. Jacob Curtis
Mr. John Barret
were chosen Clerks of the Market for the ensuing Year

Moved & Voted, not to choose three Constables, for the present number nine are Judged by the Town to be sufficient —

The Committee Appointed to audit the Accompts of the Town Treasurer, and examine the Draughts of the Selectmen & Overseers — Report

That the Town Treasurers Accompts are right cast & the Charges well Vouched

[**71.**] The General State of the Treasury is as follows —

Dr. Town Treasurer Accots from March 87 to March 88 — Cr. —

Sundry Lands Sold - - - - - - - - -	£381 ,,	9 ,,	9
Two Warrants on the State Treasurer - -	3788 ,,	16 .	9¼
Recd : of J Prince for Potatoes & sold in 80 - -	1 ,,	11 —	
To Tax granted in 1787 - - - - - - -	12.000 ,,	—	
Received for Fines - - - - - - - - - - -	1 ,,	—	
The Commonwealth for Supplying Troops - - - - in suppressing the Rebellion - - —	87 ,,	10 ,,	10
Received of William Foster in exchange of Real Estate - - - - - - - - - -	100 ,,	—	
Received for Rents - - - - - - - - -	374 ,,	9 ,,	2
Ditto for Fanuiel Hall for the Market - -	223 ,,	6 ,,	1¼
	£16,958 ,,	3 ,,	7¾
By Ballance of last Years Accounts - - -	£344 ,,	14 ,,	1¼
Abatements on Benjamin Henderson - - - Taxes committed to D. Parker and A. Thomas late Collectors - - - - - -	396 ,,	13 ,,	7¾
Ditto to D. Parker - - - - - - - - -	74 ,,	11 ,,	4
Ditto to the several Collectors for State Tax - - - for 1786 - - - - - -	1642 ,,	6 ,,	4¼
Selectmens Draughts - - - - - - - -	4657 ,,	2 ,,	1½
Overseers - - Ditto - - - - - - - - -	2887 ,,	14 ,,	1½
Paid Interest - - - - - - - - - - - -	910 ,,	5 ,,	6½
Paid Treasury Jeffries Notes brought in -	14 ,,	11 ,,	—
	£10,927 ,,	19 ,,	0¾
Ballance - - - - - - - - -	6,030 ,,	4 ,,	7
	£16,958 ,,	3 ,,	7¾

[**72.**] The Above Account being the State of the Treasury

Accounts for the last year, the Committee have made an Estimate of the General State of the Treasury as it now stands — Viz^{t}:

To Ballance due sundry Creditors - - -	£45 ,,	8 ,,	6
Ditto - - - ditto - - - - - - - -	537 ,,	4 ,,	11¾
To D Jeffries Estate - - - - - - - - -	110 ,,	13 ,,	10
To Partridge & Hammeatt - - - - - - -	699 ,,	7 ,,	4
To Nazro - - - - - - - - - - - - -	54 ,,	15 ,,	9
To the several Collectors for Premium on Taxes in 86 - - - - - - - - - - - -	651 ,,	16 ,,	4½
To Ballance due on the Selectmen & Overseers Draughts - - - - - - - - - -	2621 ,,	13 ,,	3½
Treasurers Accounts to Several People on Interest - - - - - - - - - - - - -	12,410 ,,	17 ,,	7½
A considerable Sum of Interest yet due for the Last Year say £1570 exclusive of the Interest on the £12,410 ,, 17 ,, 7½ since March 1787 Premiums to the Collectors and Abatements on the £12000 — Tax — for the Charges Above say - - - - - - -	2900 —		
	£20,031 ,,	7 ,,	8¾

By Towns Powder - - - - - - - - - -	£312 ,,	11 ,,	8
Abraham Savage - - - - - - - - - -	412 ,,	4 ,,	4
Sundry Small Debts due to Town, Bad - -	58 ,,	16 ,,	1
Andrew Tukesbury - - - - - - - - - -	100 ,,	10 ,,	10
Benj^{a}: Cudworth - - - - - - - - - -	31 ,,	11 ,,	9½
Col^{o}: Symms who has since Settled - - -	167 ,,	1 ,,	2
Thomas Green for Rent - - - - - - - -	15 ,,	—	
W^{m}: Foster who has Since settled - - -	35 ,,	15 ,,	10
Sundry Notes part bad - - - - - - - -	42 ,,	9 ,,	2
Sundry Rents - - - - - - - - - - - -	9 ,,	19 ,,	2
Daniel Parker for Taxes in 84 & 85 - - -	1318 ,,	10 ,,	4½
[**73.**] Samuel Jepson - - - - - - - - -	20 ,,	5 —	
Due from Thomas Bayley for 87 Tax - -	2082 ,,	11 ,,	0¾
Ditto James Thompson - - - - - - - -	2333 ,,	4 ,,	9½
Ditto Charles Williams - - - - - - - -	2800 ,,	11 ,,	1¼
Ditto Benjamin Henderson - - - - - - -	2390 ,,	14 ,,	6¾
Cash on Hand - - - - - - - - - - - -	29 ,,	6 ,,	5½
Due from the Commonwealth - - - - - -	10346 ,,	14 ,,	1½
	£22,608 ,,	1 ,,	8

Old Paper Money at 75 for one which - - - - - it was received - - - - - - -	£554 ,,	0 ,,	9

The Committee having stated the Account & Given a General State of the Towns Accounts as above They will only Add that

the Selectmens Draughts the Last Year was	£4,657 ,,	2 ,,	1½
And the Overseers Draughts - - - - - -	2,887 ,,	15 ,,	1¼
	£7544 ,,	16 ,,	2¾

Which was the expence of the Town
the Last Year
Joseph Barrell
℘ Order of the Committee

The Committee to Estimate the Sum Necessary to be raised to defray the Expences of the present Year & to consider what Sums it will be proper to grant to the Several Officers in the pay of the Town — Reported and the same being, considered, the Town came into the following Resolutions, — Viz^{t}. (mem^{o}. about 60 persons present)

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred eighty five pounds, be allowed & paid unto M^{r}. Samuel Hunt for his Salary the present Year, the same to commence the 1st. of March last & to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due —

Voted, that the Sum of one hundred eighty five Pounds be Allowed & paid unto M^{r}. Nathan Davis for his Salary the present Year the same to commence [**74.**] the 1st. of March last, and to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred & Sixty Pounds be allowed and paid unto M^{r}. John Tileston for his Salary as Master of the North Writing School the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence the 1st: of March last —

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred & Sixty Pounds be allowed & paid unto M^{r}. James Carter for his Salary as Master of the Writing School in Queen Street the present Year and the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence from the 1st. of March last —

Voted, that the Sum of One Hundred & Sixty Pounds be allowed & paid unto M^{r}. John Vinal as Master of the Writing School in the Common the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence the 1st. March last —

Voted, that the Sum of One hundred & Sixty Pounds be allowed & paid unto M^{r}. Samuel Cheney as Master of the New Writing School at North End, the present Year the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, & to commence the 1st. March last

Voted, the Sum of One hundred & Sixty Pounds, be allowed & paid unto M^{r}. Elisha Sticknor for his Sallary as Master of the New [**75.**] S^{o}. Writing School, the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence the 1st. of March last —

Voted, that Mr. Amasa Dingley Usher of the South Grammar School be Allowed & paid the Sum of Ninety two Pounds ten shillings for his Salary the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence the 1st. of March last —

Voted, that the Ushers of the Writing Schools be allowed for their Salaries, as Ushers Eighty Pounds ℔ Annum each, the same to be paid them Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence the 1st. March last

Voted, that the Selectmen be & hereby are Authorised & impowered to make according to their discretion an Additional Allowance to any of the Ushers not exceeding ten Pounds —

Voted, that the Master of the Public Schools have ten Cords of Wood each provided for them by the Selectmen —

Voted, that Mr. John Tileston Master of the North Writing School be allowed for House Rent the present Year the Sum of Thirty Pounds, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence from the 1st: of March last —

[**76.**] Voted, that Mr. Nathan Davis Master of the North Grammer School be allowed & paid for House Rent the present Year the Sum of Thirty Pounds the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence the 1st; of March last —

Voted, that Mr. John Vinal Master of the Writing School in the Common be Allowed for House Rent the present Year the Sum of Thirty Pounds the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence the 1st: of March last —

Voted, that Mr. Samuel Cheney Master of the New Writing School at the North End be Allowed for House Rent the present Year the Sum of Thirty Pounds, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due & to commence the 1st: of March last

Voted, that Twenty Pounds be Allowed for providing Ink for the five Public Writing Schools

Adjourned to 3 : O Clock P. M

3 ; O : Clock P : M : Met According to Adjournment

Voted, that William Cooper be allowed & paid the Sum of One hundred & Twenty Pounds for his Services as Treasurer the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due and to commence the 1st. of March last —

Voted, that Peter Boyer Esqr. be allowed & paid the Sum of One hundred & Twenty Pounds for his Services as Treasurer the present Year the same [**77.**] to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due and to commence the 1st: of March last —

Voted, that there be a deduction of one Man from each Watch House which will Leave four common Men and one Constable to each, they to be paid at the rate of six Dollars ℔ Month for each common Man and eight Dollars ℔ Month for the Constable. —

The Committee to whom was referred the several Petitions for paving & repairing several Streets, have attended the Business Assigned them — View'd the Streets — Conferred with the Gentlemen Selectmen on the Subject and Obtained an Estimate of the Expence And take leave to Report as their Opinion —

That the several Streets mentioned in the said Petition *and as many more not mentioned*, want to be now paved and repaired — but the Abilities of the Town at present will not Admit of it only in Part — Therefore that the Selectmen make such Repaires in some of the Streets as are Absolutely necessary not to exceed the sum of two hundred Pounds; and that when a Petition is preferred for a Street to be paved, it is expected the Petitioners or Abuttors in said Street lay on an Accurate Estimate of the Expence before the Town & the Sums or proportion which they, the Petitioners and Abutters will be held to pay, the Town will then Judge of their Ability to Advance their proportions, as they have heretofore done in similar Cases of Applications — All which is submitted

Thomas Dawes ℔ Order

The aforegoing Report having been read and considered — the Question was put — and the Report Accepted —

[**78.**] On a Motion Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to examine and enquire with whom y^{e}. charge and duty lays, of paving and repairing the lower end of State Street from Admiral Vernons Head to the Long Wharff —

Moved, and obtained, that the Sum of Ten Pounds be deducted from — M^{r}. Nazro's Pay for his Attendance on the Selectmen —

Voted, that the Sum of Seven Thousand five hundred Pounds be raised by a Tax to be Assessed on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, to defray the Expences of the Current Year — Also

Voted, that when the Assessors Assess the Town Tax, as Voted Above, they make a special and Separate Column in the Rate List and therein set down as much ℔ centum proportionally on

each Persons Tax as shall in the whole amount to Eighteen hundred seventy five Pounds, being the one quarter part of the £7,500 — to be raised for the expences of the Year ensuing and that the Collectors shall receive the Sums contained in said Column in Specie only and the same shall be paid into the Town Treasury & sacredly Appropriated to the support of the Town Poor and the payment of Interest due to the Overseers for Monys Advanced by them for the use of the Poor —

Moved, and Voted, that all Matters and things unfinished at this Meeting be referred over to the next General Town Meeting that may be called —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

[**79.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneiul Hall on Friday the fourth of July A. D. 1788 — 9. O'Clock — A : M —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

John Brown Esqr:
was chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote

The Committee Appointed the last year to make choice of a Gentleman to Deliver an Oration on the Anniversary of Independence
Reported
That they had made Choice of Harrison Gray Otis Esqr. for the purpose aforesaid —

On a Motion Voted, that the Oration be delivered at the Old South Church 11. O'Clock leave having been given for the same —

Voted, that the Gentlemen Selectmen Acquaint M^{r}. Otis with the aforegoing Vote —

The Meeting was then Adjourned to the Old South Church, there to Meet at 11. O'Clock —

11. O'Clock Met at the Old South Church According to Adjournment —

AN ORATION

To commemorate the Independence of the United States was delivered by Harrison Gray Otis Esqr. at the Old South [**80.**] Church, to a large & crowded Assembly

Voted, that the Selectmen be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to wait on Harrison Gray Otis Esqr: and in the Name

of the Town to thank him for the Spirited & elegant Oration this Day delivered by him at the request of the Town, upon the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America, in which, according to the Institution of the Town he considered the feeling manners and principals which led to that great National Event — And to request of him a Copy thereof for the Press

On a Motion, Voted, that the Gentlemen the Selectmen be and hereby are Appointed, a Committee to Apply to Some one learned and able Gentleman to Deliver an Oration on the 4th of July A. D 1789, that Day being the Anniversary of the *Independence* of the United States of America wherein the Orator is to consider the feelings manners and principals which led to this great National Event; as well as the Important and happy Effects whether General or Domestic, which have already and will forever continue to flow from that Auspicious Epoch —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved —

[**81.**] Conformably to a Vote of the Town passed the 10th of March 1788. Impowering the Selectmen "to give names to such Streets as have gone by different Names since the revolution and to record the same in the Town Books, as Also the Names of such Streets as have not been recorded" — the following Names given by the Selectmen to such Streets — are here accordingly Recorded & the Names of the Other Streets — may be seen in Town Book N°. 2. Page 293

The way leading from Cambridge Bay between Doctor Spragues Estate and Mr: Harris, cross Orange Street, easterly by William Marshall Estate into the Harbour - - - - - - - - - - - - -	Castle Street
From Orange Street by the South Writing School, through what was called Tilley's Land, to the bottom of the Common and to Frog Lane - - - - - - - - - - -	Pleasant Street
From Orange Street by the Revd: Dr: Boyles's dwelling House to Frog Lane -	Nassau Street
From Orange Street Opposite Nassau Street easterly to the Harbour - - -	Allens Lane
From Orange Street Easterly by Dr: Phillips House to the Sea - - - - - - -	Bennet Street
From Orange Street, Westerly by Mr. Wights Meeting House, to Nassau Street	Hollis Street
From Orange Street, easterly by Capt. Fellows's House to the Sea - - - -	Harvard Street
[**82.**] From Orange Street Westerly by Mrs. Inches House and crossing Nassau Street to Pleasant Street - - - - -	Eliots Street

From Orange Street easterly by Mr. Kneeland's Estate to the Harbour - -	Kneelands Lane
From Newbury Street near the White Horse Tavern, Westerly into the Common by Mr. Holbrooks House - - -	Sheafs Lane
From the Bottom of Summer Street to near the Bull Tavern, to the bottom of Gridley's Lane - - - - - - - - -	Purchase Street
From Purchase Street to Battery March -	Belchers Lane
From Milk Street passing by the Loan Office, crossing Cow Lane down to Purchase Street - - - - - - - - -	Atkinson Street
From Cow Lane Easterly by Mr. Gray's Rope Walk to Milk Street - - - -	Grays Lane
From Atkinson Street to Mr. Belknap's Meeting House in Federal Street - -	Round Lane
From Milk Street by Mr. Belknaps Meeting House up to Cow Lane formerly Longe Lane - - - - - - - - - -	Federal Street
From Federal Street, by Deacon Williams's house into Atkinson Street - - - -	Barrack Lane
From Milk Street Opposite Tanner's Lane southerly by the Rope Walks to Cow Lane - - - - - - - - - - - - -	Palmer Street
From the bottom of Water Street into Milk Street - - - - - - - - - -	Adams Street
From Water Street opposite Leveret's Lane into Milk Street - - - - - -	Dalton Street
From Cornhill, each side of the State House downe to the Longe Wharf formerly King Street - - - - - - - -	State Street
[83.] From State Street by Oliver Dock, to Daffornes corner in Milk Street (formerly Mackrel Lane) - - - - -	Kilby Street
From Leveret's Lane opposite the Quaker's Meeting House to Kilby Street - - -	Lyndalls Lane
From State Street near the State House to Water Street (formerly Pudding Lane) - - - - - - - - - - - - -	Devonshire Street
From Cornhill, eastward by Concert Hall to Cambridge (formerly Queen Street -	Court Street
From Court Street opposite the Orange Tree Westward to Dr. Bulfinchs Pasture - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	Southacks Court
From Cambridge Street, to Mr. Pitt's House in Southacks Court - - - - -	Fitch's Lane
From Beacon Street in the Common by Govr: Hancocks tending northward over the hill, from Govr. Hancocks garden down to Cambridge Street formerly George Street and Davis Lane - - -	Hancock Street

From Hancock Street, southerly by Mr. Austin's Ropewalk and by the Powder House down to Cambridge Bay - - -	Warren Street
From Cambridge Street, northerly by the Marsh, to Mr. Allen's House - -	Chambers Street
From Green Street up the Hill to Mr. Russell's Rope Walk - - - - - - -	Shute Street
From Shute Street Westerly by Capt. Job Princes to Cambridge Street - - - -	Allens Street
From Green Street Northerly to Bartons Point - - - - - - - - - - - - -	Leverets Street
From Cambridge Street Northerly by Mr. Howards Meeting House, to Green Street - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	Lynde Street
From Cambridge Street by Capt: Cheever's to Green Street - - - - - - - - -	Staniford Street
From Leveretts Street by Mr. Piercies Distill House to the Causeway - - -	Mill Street
[84.] From Green Street by Mr. Gooches to Mill Pond - - - - - - - - - -	Pitt's Lane
The Square before Dr: Bulfinches and Deacon Newells - - - - - - - - -	Bowdoins Square
From Bowdoins Square easterly to Nath. Halls House, and from thence to Sudbury Street - - - - - - - - - -	Hawkins Street
From Cambridge Street by Mr. Copelands House to Sudbury Street - - - - -	Aldens Lane
From Hawkins Street, passing by Mr. Scollays Distill House to the Mill Pond and Southerly to Sudbury Street - - -	Distill House Square
From Cambridge Street by Mr. Callenders House to Beacon Hill - - - - - -	Middlecot Street
From Middlesex Street, round the bottom of Beacon Hill into Hancock Street opposite Mr. Austin's Rope Walk - -	Hill Street
From Cambridge Street opposite Staniford Street southerly to Beacon Hill - - -	Temple Street
From Hill Street Northerly passing by Deacon Landman and Mr. Breed's Estate into Cambridge Street - - - -	Ridgway Lane
From Hanover Street by Dr. Packers to the Mill Pond - - - - - - - - -	Friends Street
From Friends Street, opposite Mr. Spears House, to Cold Lane - - - - - -	Deacon's Street
From Ann Street North of the Bridge into Middle Street - - - - - - - - -	Center Street
From North Street by Dr. Eliots Meeting House into Ship Street - - - - - -	Clarkes Street
Washington Street from Orange Street at Fortification - - - to the Bounds of the Town at the Roxbury Line - -	Washington Street

[85.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Fanuiel Hall on Thursday the 25th September Anno Domini 1788 - - 3 O.Clock P : M : —

Warrant for calling the Meeting

Moved & Voted, that a Moderator be chosen by a Hand Vote —

Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr: chosen Moderator of this Meeting — read —

The Article in the Warrant read, together with the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants for calling this Meeting - - - read

The Selectmen also laid before the Inhabitants a State of the Small Pox for some time past, whereby it Appeared that the Small Pox was not now in any Family in this Town, save at the Hospital at New Boston — whereupon the following - - - -

Voted, that the Selectmen of this Town be & hereby are Appointed a Committee to waite upon the Gentlemen Selectmen of Brookline & other Towns in the Vicinity in which Hospitals for the Practice of Inoculation have been permitted, to request that every precaution should be taken to Inure the strictest observance of the respective regulations and at the same time to prevent all unnecessary intercourse between the Inhabitants of this Town and any of the Patients or Persons belonging to such Hospitals, from whom any danger of Infection may be reasonably Apprehended, in order as far as possible to guard against any future Alarm from this quarter

[86.] On a Motion Voted, that the Petitioners relative to the small Pox have leave to withdraw their Petition —

Voted, that the Selectmen be requested to publish the State of the small Pox in all the Public Papers in this Commonwealth

The Meeting was
dissolved —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 8th. Day of October A. D. 1788 10. O Clock : A : M :

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - - read

The Inhabitants having determined to choose two Representatives Agreeably to the Precept received for that purpose — it was

moved & Voted — that this Meeting be Adjourned for that purpose to 3 O'Clock : P : M —

3 O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournm^{t}.

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for two Representatives and then it was declared by the Selectmen that they proposed the Poll should be closed at half past 4 O'Clock —

The Votes being brought in for two Representatives, the Number of the same were found to be two hundred & sixty two and upon sorting them it Appeared, that the following Gentlemen were chosen by a Majority of Votes — Viz^{t}. —

		Votes
[87.]	Honble: Oliver Wendell Esqr. - - - - - -	252
	Christopher Gore Esq. - - - - - - - -	154

The choice of Representatives being over and declared by the Selectmen — It was moved & and Voted, that a Moderator be chosen by a Hand Vote, to preside in the Meeting for transacting the other Matters mentioned in the Warrant

Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.
was chosen Moderator, and took his Seat

The Article in the Warrant relative to the Assise of Bread — was read, and After debate had thereon, it was moved and Voted, that the further debate on this Matter shall subside

The Committee relative to a New School at the South part of the Town — Reported — whereupon

Voted, that this Report be recommitted, and said Committee are Instructed to prepare a plan of the Land and School House together with an Estimate of what may be the expence of the proposed Undertaking, and Report at the next Town Meeting Copy & Papers dl'd M^{r}. Gore

On a Motion Voted, that this Meeting be Adjourned to Thursday Next the being the 16th Ins^{t}. at 3. O'Clock P : M —

Thursday the 16th of October 3. O Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment

The Selectmen Committee relative to the Lower End of State State Street Report, that they have examined the Records of the Town and made enquiry with whom the charge and duty lays of paving and repairing the lower end of State street, from Admiral Vernons Head to the Long Wharff, are of Opinion, that it is the

duty of the Town to do the same, the Abutters paying their proportionable part ℘ Order John Scollay Chairman

[**88.**] The aforegoing Report having been considered, it was Voted that the same be accepted and that the Selectmen be Instructed to order such Repairs to said Street & in such Manner as they may Judge expedient and with as much speed as may be

Voted that all Matters unfinished at this Meeting be referred over to the Next Town Meeting

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Boston of Twenty one Years and upwards, qualified as the Constitution prescribes legally Warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Thursday the 18th Day of December Anno Domini 1788. 10 O Clock A. M.

Prayer was made by the Revd. Mr: Freeman

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Resolve of the General Court for calling the Meeting for the Inhabitants to give in their Votes for One Person to Represent the People in Congress & was — read

The Selectmen after taking the sense of the Town directed the Inhabitants to bring in their Votes for a Representative in Congress It was then declared that no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded & that the Poll was to be Closed at 12. O Clock; Bells to be rung at ½ past 11 O'Clock"

3 O Clock P: M Assigned for bringing in Votes for Electors of President —

[**89.**] Persons Voted, as *Representatives* for the District of Suffolk with the Number of Votes for each Person — Vizt.

		Votes
Honble:	Samuel Adams Esqr. - - - - - -	439
Honble:	Samuel A. Otis Esqr. - - - - - -	15
	Fisher Ames Esqr. - - - - - - -	445
Honble:	James Bowdoin Esqr. - - - - - -	2

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P: M

3 O'Clock P: M: Met According to Adjournment

Persons Voted, for as Candidates for an *Elector* of President & Vice President for the United States, with the Number of Votes for each Person Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Honble: Jabez Fisher Esqr. - - - - - - -	369
Honble : Caleb Davis Esqr. - - - - - - -	289
Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr. - - - - - -	85
Honble: James Bowdoin Esqr. - - - - - -	3
Capt. Norton Brailsford - - - - - - - - -	1
Capt. Elias Parkman - - - - - - - - - -	1

Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as Representatives for the District of Suffolk & Candidates for an Elector of President & Vice President for the United States, were committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth, and the Inclosures sealed up in Town Meeting Subscribed as follows Viz^{t}.

For

John Avery Esqr:

Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Number of the Votes for the Town of Boston for a Person to Represent the People in the Congress of the United States & for two Persons as Candidates for an Elector of the President and Vice President of the United States Certified & Sealed up in Town Meeting —

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

[**90.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 9th of March Anno Domini 1789 — 10 O Clock Fore-noon —

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}: M^{r}: Montague

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - read

Sundry Laws to be read at this Meeting were accordingly - - - read

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes for a Moderator of this Meeting, & the same being brought in & sorted it Appeared that

The Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr.

was chosen. —

William Cooper

was chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing and took the Oath

of Office for the faithful discharge of his Duty, which Oath was Administered to him by Ezekiel Price Esqr: As Also the Oath of Allegiance, which was signed as the Law directs —

The Town having determined by Vote to choose Nine Selectmen the Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes for that Number; and the same being brought in and sorted it Appeared that the following gentlemen Viz^{t}.

[91.] John Scollay Esqr:
Harbottle Dorr Esqr:
Ezekiel Price Esqr:
John Brown Esqr: - - - - - (Dead)
Capt. Edward Tyler
John Andrews Esqr:
Thomas Walley Esqr:
Deacon William Boardman
M^{r}. Ebenezer Seaver

were chose Selectmen for the Year ensuing and had the Oath of Allegiance Administred to them by the Town Clerk — the same was also signed by them as the Law directs —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Twelve Overseers of the Poor, and the Votes being brought in and sorted it Appeared that

Jonathan Mason Esqr:
M^{r}. Samuel Whitwell
John White Esqr:
Edward Procter Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
Jonathan L. Austin Esqr:
M^{r}. Samuel Parkman
M^{r}. Edward Edes
Henry Hill Esqr.
M^{r}. John Codman Junr.
M^{r}. William Smith
M^{r}. William Phillips Ju^{r}.

were chosen Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing

[92.] Votes, for a Treasurer of the County of Suffolk brought in and counted by the Moderator and Town Clerk, when it Appeared that the whole Number was two hundred eighty Six, and that they were all for Thomas Crafts Esqr: A discreet Suitable Person being a Freeholder, and Resident in the same County — Mem^{o}: the Attested Copies dl'd y^{l}. Clerk of Sessions

On a Motion Voted, that the choice of Wardens subside —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for sixteen Fire Wards and the same having been brought in and sorted, it Appeared that —

William Cooper
Edward Proctor Esqr. - - - - - excused
Thomas Tileston
Thomas Melville Esqr.
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Honble : Caleb Davis Esqr.
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
John Winthrop Esqr.
John May Esqr.
M^{r}. Jacob Rhodes
Samuel Brick Esqr.
M^{t}. Joseph Clarke
Paul Dudley Sergeant Esqr. excused
Thomas Russell Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Parkman
M^{r}. Daniel Hubbard
were chose Fire Wards for the Year ensuing

[**93.**] On a Motion Voted, that the Clerk of Faneuil Hall to be chosen, shall give Bond to the Selectmen, and be sworn to the faithful discharge of his Trust; and to Account and Settle with the Selectmen once a Week —

Voted, that the pay of the Person that shall be chosen the Clark of Faneuil Hall Market be left to the Selectmen —

The Vote being brought in for a Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market it appeared that —

M^{r}. Matthew Nazro
was chosen Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market for the Year ensuing —

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P. M.

3. O. Clock P. M : Met According to Adjournment —

The Selectmen were chosen surveyors of the High Ways for the year ensuing —

John White Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
were chose Surveyers of Wheat for the year ensuing

Messrs : Thomas Green
John Skinner
were chose Assay Masters for the Year ensuing

Messrs : Benjamin White
Samuel Dyer
William Crafts
Andrew Townsend
William Todd
were chose Fence Viewers for the year ensuing

[94.] Messrs: William Billings
Samuel Bangs
Nathan Green
Thomas Bradlee
Jacob Holland
were chose Sealers of Leather for the Year ensuing

M^{r}. Adam Colson
was chose an Informer of Deer for the Year ensuing.

Messrs: George Hamlin
John Skinner
Francis Booth
were chose Hogreeves for the ensuing Year —

Messrs: Francis Booth
Capt. Samuel Ballard — (resigned)
Capt. John Ballard Senr.
were chosen Haywards for the ensuing Year

On a Motion Voted, that Col^{o}: Crafts be a Committee to revise the By Law of the Town and be desired to revise the Law relative to Bulls & Report at the Adjournment —

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to procure two Bulls, to go at large on the Common untill the 5th of April next —

Voted, that four per cent be Allowed and hereby is allowed the Collectors of Taxes for the year ensuing for all such Sums of Money and public Securities of the Sums committed to them to Collect within Ten Months from the Receipt of the Tax Books and three per cent on all such other Sums as shall Afterwards be Collected also that such Collectors shall give Bond [95.] with Sufficient Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen, for the faithful discharge of their Duty in said Office and complying with this Vote — and that they will not receive any Premium or Gratuity for discounting Any Order, Note or Receipt from the Treasurer of the State, or the Treasurer of the Town —

Messrs: Benjamin Henderson
James Thompson
Thomas Bayley
Charles Williams
were chose Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing & qualified themselves as the Law directs —

Voted, that the Assessors be and hereby are empowered & directed to set for such Abatement of Taxes as they shall Judge reasonable, two Days in each Week, After the delivery of the Tax Bill's to the Collector's for the space of six Weeks and no

longer, — Saving that they be Allowed to Set the last Week in February, Lords Days excepted for the Abatement of the Taxes of such Persons as had not an Opportunity of Applying in the Above limited Time by reason of their being out of the Commonwealth or any other unavoidable hindrance, and that the Assessors determine upon two said Days which is to be Noted on the Tax Bills to be delivered to the Inhabitants

Voted, that the Allowance to the Assessors be five shillings ℔ Day, for the Time they may set in doing the Business of their Office —

[96.] Voted, that Mr. William Lowder
Gyles Harris Esqr.
Samuel Ruggles Esqr.
John R. Sigorney
Mr. Edward Davis

were chose Assessors for the Year ensuing & qualified themselves as the Law directs

Voted, that the
Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
Majr. William Bell
Samuel Brick Esqr.
Capt. James Prince

be a Committee on the Article in the Warrant Vizt: "To consider the Application of John May Esqr: that a Common Shore may be carried from Boston Neck into the Bay at the Expence of the Town" — Also the Estimate presented — And said Committee are desired to make enquiry, how far the Proprietors have complied with the Terms of their Purchase and to Report at the Adjournment what they shall Judge proper to be done

The Petition of Dr. Joseph Whipple by Capt. Samuel Laha relative to improving a house at Rainsford Island, was read whereupon — Voted that the Petition be granted, and that the Town do Approve of their request —

[97.] The Petition of Samuel Abbot Esqr: was read, whereupon —

Voted, that the same be referred to the Committee hereafter to be Appointed to consider what Sum it is necessary should be raised for the Expences of the Town and to Report at the Adjournment. —

Joseph Barrel ——— declines
Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Jonathan Mason Senr. Esqr.
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqs.
Thomas Crafts Esqr.

were then Appointed a Committee to take this Petition and the State of the Other Creditors of the Town into consideration & to Report at the Adjournment the Sum necessary to be raised for the service of the present Year

Also Voted, that the Town Treasurer's Accompts be referred to said Committee for their examination

Adjourned to Tuesday fortnight 10' OClock Forenoon —

Tuesday the Seventeenth Day of March 10. O'Clock Forenoon, Met According to Adjournment —

The following Officers were chosen and should have followed the choice of Fire Wards for Town Treasurer —

Peter Boyer Esqr:
was chosen Treasurer for the Year ensuing who took the Oath of Office also the Oath of Allegiance and Subscribed the same which Oath were Administered to him by the Town Clerk —

[98.] The Inhabitants having brought in their Votes for Twelve Constables upon sorting them it Appeared that —

Messrs: Benjamin Homans
Samuel Whitney
Shubael Hewes
John Bosson
John Butterfield
James Perkins
John Cades
John M^{c}. Lane - - - - - - declines
Samuel Smith
Henry Crompston
James Williams - - - - - declines
Edward Wentworth

were chose Constables for the Year ensuing, and were all qualified as the Law directs —

Saving M^{r}. M^{c}. Lane &
M^{r}. James Williams

who decline serving as Noted Above —

The Moderator of this Meeting having Acquainted the Town by Letter, that the business of the Council then Setting prevented his Attendance —

The Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr.
was chosen Moderator of the Meeting Pro. Tem^{o}.

Col^{o}. Proctor, & Col^{o}. Sergeant who were chosen Fire Wards having declined Serving in that Office —

[99.] Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be & hereby are given to said Gentlemen as also to Mr. John Lowell, Andrew Symmes Esqr: Mr. Henry Bass & Ebnr. Hancock Esqr. for their good & faithful service in the Office of Fire Wards a Number of Years Past

Tbe Inhabitants were directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes for two Fire Wards, & the same having brought in and counted it Appeared that

Capt. John Ballard
Mr. Edward Edes

were chosen —

Mr. William McNeil
John Gray Esqr:

were chose Surveyors of Hemp for the Year ensuing

Messrs: Henry Blaisdel
John Champney
Benjamin Page
Joshua Bentley
Samuel Dyer
James Rogers
Abraham Hayward
Edmund Ranger
Clement Collens
Moses May
John Cogswell
Benjamin White

were chose Surveyers of Boards & Shingles for the Year ensuing —

Messrs: Job Wheelwright
Joshua Pico
Thomas Purkett
[100.] William Parkman
Lemuel Gardner
Joseph Loring
Thomas Foster
John Bray
Edward Dolbeare
Caleb Hayden
Edward Burt
Manassah Marston
Samuel Harris
John Owen
Samuel Avis
Ebenr: Woodward
David Marston
Arther Langford

were chose Surveyers of Hoops & Staves for the Year ensuing —

Mr: Edward Jones
was chosen a Hayward in the Room of Capt: Samuel Ballard, who declined serving —

The Vote for choosing four Clerks of the Market, reconsidered, & it was Voted that the Matter as to Clerks of the Market, be referred to the Adjournment.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Samuel Abbot Esqr: read whereupon — Voted that when this Meeting is Adjourned it shall be to Monday next, 10 O'Clock A: M: for the purpose of taking up this Report, and all Money Matters —

The Town Clerk is directed to give Notice thereof to the Town in all the Public Papers

The Committee relative to Bulls Reported: on Motion said Report was committed to the Committee [**101.**] for revising the Code of By Laws — who are desired to Report a By Law for the purpose aforesaid at the Adjournment — Voted that

Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
Capt. James Prince
Majr. William Thompson

be and hereby are Appointed a Committee to Audit the Accompts of the Town Treasurer & also the Accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor — And to Report as soon as may be —

On a Motion Voted, that it be recommend to the Constables that they Walk on the Lords Day as Usual in Order to prevent disorders on that Day

Adjourned Agreeable to the presiding Vote to Monday next being the 23d. Inst: 10 O'Clock A: M.

Monday the 23d March 10 O'Clock A: M: Met According to Adjournment —

Moved & Voted, to Choose 12 Clerks of the Market, as usual —

The Committee relative to Mr. Abbots Petition, and other Money Matters, having Reported the Sum Necessary to be Raised by the Town for to defray the Expences of the Current Year — It was moved & Voted, that this Report be recommitted and that said Committee be directed to confer with the Committee Appointed to Audit the Town Treasurers Accompts, and to Report again at the General Town Meeting in May next. Also Voted that the said Committee who are Appointed to prepare an Estimate of the Town Necessary to be raised the Present Year be a Committee to Consider of the Salaries & [**102.**] Grants Necessary for the School Masters & Other Salary Men, and that

the said Committee Notify the School-Masters, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Other Salary Men who have not had their pay Voted Them, of their Time of Setting that they may be heard by said Committee before they Report thereon to the Town

The Petition of Paul D. Sergeant Esqr. & M^{r}. George Makepeace were read, whereupon Moved & Voted, that said Petition be committed —

Jonathan Mason Junr:
Honble : Caleb Davis Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph May
Honble: Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Maj^{r}. William Thompson

and the Committee are Instructed to enquire into the Circumstances of the Petitioners, and Report to the Town what they shall Judge Reasonable and best to be done on those Petitions —

M^{r}. Bayley One of the Collectors of Taxes for the present Year having proposed a Check on the Collectors for the Consideration of the Town — It was moved & Voted, that said proposal be referred to the Committee on M^{r}. Seargeants & M^{r}. Makepeaces Petition for their Consideration, who are desired to Report to the Town what they shall Judge best to be done thereon —

Capt. James Prince
M^{r}. Samuel Hunt
M^{r}. Jeremiah Williams
M^{r}. Benjamin Green Ju^{r}.
M^{r}. David Spear Junr.
M^{r}. Caleb Blodget
[103.] M^{r}. Joseph Callender Junr.
M^{r}. Samuel Torrey
M^{r}. William Morrel
M^{r}. Thomas Boardman
Col^{o}. Samuel Bradford
M^{r}. Nathan Bond
M^{r}. Andrew Oliver

were chose Clerks of the Market for the Year ensuing

M^{r}. Jacob Bucknam

chosen Hayward for the Year ensuing

Messrs: Joseph Ayres
Josiah Nottage
Maj^{r}. Joshua Davis

were chose Surveyers of Boards for the Year ensuing

Voted, that all Matters and Things which shall remain unfinished at this Meeting be referred over to the General Town Meeting in May next —

Col°. Crafts Appointed for that purpose Reported the following, By Law relative to Bulls

It is hereby *Ordered* that the *Selectmen* shall cause two or more good Bulls to be provided, which shall be placed, and be permitted to go at Large upon the Common, from the first Day of April to the first Day of November and one or more from the first Day of November to the first Day of April Yearly & every year —

And it is hereby Voted, & Ordered that whosoever shall keep any Cow or Cows going at Large within the Neck of Boston shall pay into the hands of such Person or Persons as the Selectmen shall from [**104.**] Time to Time Appoint to receive the same, a Sum not exceeding Six shillings ℘ Annum for each Cow, for the purpose of keeping two or more Bulls to go at Large on the Common from the first Day of April to the first Day of November. And one or more from the first Day of November to the first Day of April following as the Selectmen shall Order from Year to Year & for paying the Cow keeper or Person or Persons that shall be Appointed by the Selectmen to receive said Money — And the Selectmen are hereby ordered and directed, that some time in the Month of April A. D. 1789 & every Year hereafter in the Month of February to Appoint some Person or Persons to receive said Sum not exceeding Six Shillings, whose Name or Names shall be published in the News Papers, & every Person having any Cow or Cows shall Apply to said Person or Persons so Appointed some time in the Month of April Yearly & pay to him the Sum so Assessed by the Selectmen, and the Person or Persons so Appointed are hereby directed to give a Certificate to the Owner of each Cow shewing that they have paid the Sum so Assessed by the Selectmen — And the Person or Persons so Appointed by the Selectmen is hereby ordered & directed to call on every Person having a Cow or Cows sometime in the Month of May Yearly who have Neglected to pay unto him the Sums Assessed by the Selectmen, and have not received a Certificate from him or them of the payment of the same — And if any Person or Persons shall have any Cow or Cows which they shall keep in their Pastures or Inclosures & do not Suffer them to go at Large on the Common, he or they shall pay a Sum not exceeding three Shillings towards the Bulls ; And if any Cow or Cows shall be found going on the Common whose Owner has not paid the Sums as Assessed by the Selectmen not exceeding six Shillings [**105.**] and the Sum not exceeding three Shillings, and obtained a Certificate of having so done, such Owner shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twelve Shillings, being thereof convicted before any one of the Justices of the Peace within the County of Suffolk, the same to be recovered by the Person or Persons impowered by the Selectmen to Collect the Money, and to be employed for and towards the defraying the Charges Aforesaid —

Voted, That all Laws heretofore made respecting Bulls and Cows be and hereby are Repealed — The aforegoing having been Read and duly considered — Voted, that the same be Accepted as a By Law, and that the Selectmen be desired to present it to the Next Court of General Sessions of the Peace for their Approbation

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

[**106.**] At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Boston of Twenty One Years of Age and upwards, qualified as the Constitution prescribes, and legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 6 Day of April Anno Domini 1789 —

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}: West —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

Paragraph of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment, relative to the choice of Governor, and Senators — also — read

It was declared by the Selectmen that no Votes, would be received but such as are unfolded, and that they propose the Poll should be closed at One O'Clock — & the Votes to be received at the Table —

On a Motion Voted, that the Bells in the Town be set a Tolling half an hour before one O'Clock —

Persons *Voted* for as GOVERNOR with the Number of Votes for each Person Viz^{t}:

	Votes
His Excellency John Hancock Esqr. - - -	1265
Hon^{le}: James Bowdoin Esqr. - - - - - -	569
Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr. - - - - - -	1

Persons *Voted* for as Liev^{t}. *Governor* with the Number of Votes for each Person Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Honble. Samuel Adams Esqr. - - - - - -	1219
Honble. Benjamin Lincoln Esqr. - - - - -	617
His Excellency John Hancock Esqr. - - -	1
M^{r}. John Richardson Junr. - - - - - - -	1

[**107.**] Persons *Voted*, for as Senators for the County of Suffolk with the Number of Votes for each Person — Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Honble: Samuel Adams Esqr. - - - - - -	1808
Honble: William Phillips Esqr. - - - - - -	1823

	Votes
Honble: Cotton Tuffet Esqr. - - - - - -	1789
Honble: Steven Metcalf Esq. - - - - - -	669
Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr. - - - - - -	1820
Honble: Elijah Dunbar Esqr. - - - - - -	494
Honble: William Heath Esqr. - - - - - -	1144
Honble: Benjamin Austin Ju^{r}. Esq. - - -	1184
John Read Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	177
Honble: John Lowell Esq. - - - - - - -	3
Charles Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	9
Honble: Richard Cranch Esqr. - - - - - -	8
Honble: Caleb Davis Esqr. - - - - - - -	1
Jonathan Mason Esqr. - - - - - - - -	5
Honble: Oliver Wendell Esqr. - - - - - -	1
M^{r}. John Richardson Ju^{r}. - - - - - - -	1
M^{r}. Palfrey Collins - - - - - - - - -	2
M^{r}. Abraham Fuller - - - - - - - - -	2
Honble: Samuel Nyles Esqr. - - - - - - -	2
Honble: Benjamin Lincoln Esqr. - - - - -	3
Honble: Jabez Fisher Esqr. - - - - - - -	3

Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as Governor, Liev^{t}. Governor and Senators for the County of Suffolk, were committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth, and the Inclosures Sealed up in Town Meeting Subscribed as follows Viz^{t}.

[108.] For
John Avery Esq
Secretary of the Commonwealth
of
Massachusetts.

The Number of Votes for the Town of Boston for a Governor Liev^{t}: Governor and six Senators for the County of Suffolk Certified within and sealed up in Town Meeting

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

[109.] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the 12th Day of May A : D : 1789 — 10 O Clock A: M

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Stillman

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - read

That part of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment which relates to the choice of Representatives, read —

Sundry Laws to be read at said Meeting or part of them were accordingly - - read

The Town having determined to Choose Seven Persons to Represent them in the General Court of Massachusetts to be held at the State House in Boston on the last Wednesday of May Current, Agreeable to the Constitution or Frame of Goverment for the Massachusetts — The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes for Seven Representatives and there it was declared by the Selectment that no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded, and that they propose the Poll should be closed at ½ past 12 O'Clock

The Votes being brought in for Seven Representatives, the Number of the same were found to be six hundred fifty Eight and upon sorting them it Appeared that the following Gentlemen were Chosen by a majority of Votes Viz^{t}.

			Votes
[**110.**]	(resigned)	Honble: Oliver Wendell Esqr. - -	621
		Samuel Brick Esqr. - - - - - -	648
		Jonathan Mason Esqr. - - - - -	659
		Charles Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - -	625
		John Winthrop Esqr. - - - - - -	337
		Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr. - - -	656
		Thomas Russell Esqr. - - - - - -	654

A Letter of Thomas Russell Esqr. Acquainting the Town that he declined serving as Representative - - - - was read —

D^{r}. Jarvis being in Town Meeting Acquainted the Town that he declined Serving as a Representative —

Moved and Voted, that the consideration of these declinations & how the Town will proceed thereon be referred to 3. O Clock P : M :

Adjourned to 3 : O'Clock P : M :
3. O'Clock P : M : Met According to Adjournment

A Letter from Thomas Dawes Ju^{r}. Acquainting the Town that he declined Serving as a Representative.

Adjourned this Meeting for the Choice of Representatives to Thursday next 10. O'Clock

It was then Moved & Voted, that the Town now come to the Choice of a Moderator by a Hand Vote, in order to Transact the other Affairs mentioned in the Warrant —

The Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr. was chosen Moderator.

The Petition of Mr. Samuel Davis that the Town would Lease him a Piece of Land" — was read, whereupon Voted, that this Petition be reserved to the Selectmen for consideration who are desired to Report at the Adjournment of this Meeting —

[**111.**] The Report of the Committee to Audit the Town Treasurers Accompts — was read — whereupon the Question was put — Whether said Report shall be Accepted — Passed in the Affirmative — the Report is as follows — Vizt.

The Committee on the Town Treasurer's Accounts Report that upon examination thereof, they Appear to be methodically stated & regularly kept — Also that the Sums charged in the Towns Account Current from the 8th of March 1788 to the 7th of March 1789 — as rendered by the Town Treasurer are Authorized by proper documents & Vouchers —

The Sums Charged are as follows — For discot: of £710 — Paper Money charged in the Towns Books to Colo. Andrew Symmes, which he Applied in payment of bounty to Soldiers in July 1778 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - £167 ,, 1 ,, 2

For purchase of £1190 ,, 5 ,, 6 in Army Notes, at the rate of 8/ for 20/ to discharge Arrears of Taxes Assess'd on the Town, for the Commonwealth, being of Abatements thereupon in the Year 1785, 6, 7 & 8 - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		476 ,, 1 ,, 6
For Abatements From a Town Tax Assessed 1787 - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		1258 ,, 6 ,, 8
For payments of Interest on Debts of the Town - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		429 ,, 7 ,, 1½
For payments of Notes issued by D Jeffries, former Treasurer - - - - - - - - -		24 ,, 12 ,, 4
For 12 Drafts of the Selectmen - - -	4419 ,, 14 ,, 11½	
12 Drafts of the Overseers of the Poor -	2581 ,, 14 ,, 10¾	
		7001 9 ,, 10¼
Total		£9356 ,, 18 ,, 7¾

The Sums passed to the Credit of the Town, are as follows —

For Errors in Drafts &c - - - - - - -	£16 ,, 10 ,, 2
Fines received - - - - - - - - - - - -	4 ,, 4 ,, —
Dues received from J Cunningham & Town of Wilbraham - - - - - - - - - - -	137 ,, 13 ,, 6½
Money received for a Tomb £7 ,, 10/ for Battery Wharf £36 - - - - - - - - -	43 ,, 10 ,, —
Quit Rents received - - - - - - - - - -	7 ,, 4 ,, —
Rents received for Towns Estate Leased out	425 ,, 15 ,, 9

Income of y^{e}. Market - - - - - - - -	148 ,,	9 ,,	3½
For a Tax Assessed on the Inhabitants 10th Septem^{r}: 1788 - - - - - - - - - -	7900 ,,		
Total	£8683 ,,	6 ,,	9
	£8683 ,,	6 ,,	9
[**112.**] Surmount of Charges Above the Receipts & Tax - - - - -	673 ,,	11 ,,	10¾
	£9356 ,,	18 ,,	7¾

Besides the Above Deficiency of - - - - - £673 ,, 11 ,, 10¾ there will be a Large deduction from the Tax of 1788 for Abatements and Charge of Collections and the further sum of £3604 ,, 16/ — will become due in the course of this Year 1789 for Interest on Notes issued by the Town Treasurer for Debts of the Town Amounting to £13481 ,, 16 ,, 11½

All which is Submitted

Boston May 11th. 1789. J. Prince

The Committee Appointed to Report an Estimate of the Sum Necessary to be raised by the Town for the Expences of the present Year Reported Accordingly whereupon

Voted, That the Sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds be allowed & paid unto M^{r}. Samuel Hunt for his Salary the present Year the same to commence the 1st. of March last and to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due - - - - -

Voted, that M^{r}. Nathan Davis have the like Sum, to be paid in like manner &c
reconsidered

Voted, that the sum of One hundred & forty five Pounds, be paid to M^{r}. John Tileston for his Salary as Master of the North Writing School to commence the 1st. of March last and to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due — And the said Sum was likewise Granted to each of the Other Writing Masters &c. in like Manner &c. reconsidered

Voted, that M^{r}. John Tileston and the Other Writing Masters of the Town Schools who have families be allowed for House Rent the present year the Sum of thirty Pounds each, the same to be paid them Quarterly as it shall become due and to commence the 1st. of March last —

[**113.**] Adjourned to Tuesday next 10 O'Clock A : M : —

Thursday the 14th Day of May 10 O'Clock A : M : Met According to Adjournment for the Choice of Representatives —

Selectmen Preside

A Letter from the Honble: Oliver Wendell Esqr: declining an Acceptance of the trust of a Representative — was read —

Moved that there be a re-consideration of the Vote passed the 12 Ins^{t}: for the Choice of Seven Representatives — And the Question being accordingly put — Passed in the Negative —

Moved & Voted, that 3'O Clock P: M: be assigned for the Choice of four Representatives in the Room of those Gentlemen chosen who have declined Serving the Trust — & that the Poll be closed at 5 O'Clock —

Col^{o}. Dawes then took the Chair

Moved that the Town now reconsider the Vote passed the 12 Ins^{t}. for granting Salaries to the several School Masters, and that it be left to the Gentelmen Selectmen to Affix Salaries for the Masters & Ushers and all Other Matters, relative to the School Masters & Ushers of the Public Schools for the Time to Come — After debate the Question being Accordingly put — Passed in the Affirmative

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock P: M:

3 O'Clock P: M: Met according to Adjournment

Selectmen Preside

[**114.**] The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for four Representatives and the same being brought in Sorted & Counted, the whole number was found to be 386 and the same being sorted it appeared that the four following Gentlemen were chosen by a Majority of Votes — Viz^{t}

		Votes
(Resigned) Honble:	James Bowdoin Esqr. - - - - - -	232
	Christopher Gore Esqr. - - - - -	321
	Henry Hill Esqr. - - - - - - -	215
	D^{r}. William Eustis - - - - - - -	221

Adjourned to ½ Past 6. O'Clock - - - - -

5. O'Clock P: M: Met according to Adjournment

Col^{o}. Dawes in the Chair

The Report of the Committee to prepare an Estimate of Expences & again read — whereupon it was moved that the Vote passed on Tuesday last "granting Salaries &c to the School

Masters and that this and other Matters relative to the School Masters be left to the Selectmen" be now reconsidered — After debate had thereon the Question was accordingly put for a reconsideration — Passed in the Negative

Voted, that Peter Boyer Esqr. be Allowed and paid the Sum of One hundred and Twenty Pounds for his services as Treasurer the present Year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence the 1 March last

Voted, that William Cooper be allowed and paid the Sum of One hundred & Twenty Pounds for his services as Town Clerk the ensuing year, the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due" and to commence the first of March Last

[**115.**] Voted, that the Selectmen publish a List of Salaries, paid by the Town, in the several News Papers

On a Motion Voted, that the Above Vote be now reconsidered —

Voted, that the Sum of Ten thousand three hundred & Twenty Pounds be raised by a Tax to be Assessed on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, to defray the Expences of the Current Year —

Adjourned to to Morrow 10 O'Clock A : M

May 15th. — 10. O'Clock A : M : Met According to Adjournment —

The Selectmen Preside

Adjourned to 11. O'Clock, then to come to the Choice of a Representative in the Room of M^{r}. Bowdoin who has resigned — And it was declared by the Selectmen, the Poll will be Closed at 12 O Clock — M^{r}. Bowdoins Letter of resignation read —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes for one Selectman in the Room of John Brown Esqr. lately deceased — And the Votes being brought in it Appeared that —

Jabez Hatch Esqr.
was chosen a Selectman, unanimously

The Selectmen a Committee on the Petition of M^{r}. Samuel Daw, that a Piece of the Towns Land near the Common might be rented to him — Reported Verbally — That in their Opinion it would not be for the Interest of the Town to grant the Petition — And that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw s^{d} : Petition — the Question being put passed in the Affirmative

[**116.**] David Townsend Junr. chosen a Surveyor of Boards for the Year ensuing —

Adjourned to 12. O'Clock Noon

Selectmen preside

The Inhabitants were directed — to withdraw and bring in their Votes for one Representative in the room of the Honble: James Bowdoin Esqr. who has declined the Trust — And the Votes being brought in and counted, the whole Number was found to be 703 — And the same being sorted it Appeared. that

Charles Jarvis Esqr:
was chosen by a Majority of Votes.

Col^{o}: Dawes in the Chair

M^{r}. Philip Jarvis
M^{r}. Joseph Scott
were chose Clerks of the Market for the Year ensuing —

Moved & Voted, that the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds be Appropriated out of the present Tax for the Use of the Alms-house — and that there be a Column for the same, in the Tax Bills to be Issued —

Moved & Voted, That the Sum of Thirty Six hundred Pounds be Appropriated out of the past & present Tax for the payment of Interest to the Creditors of the Town —

A Vote of Thanks was moved & carried to the Committee to prepare an Estimate of Expences for their good services as a Committee

Adjourned to Wednesday next the 20th of May Ins^{t}. 10' O'Clock. A : M —

[**117.**] Wednesday the 20th of May Ins^{t}: 10. O'Clock A : M : met According to Adjournment —

Joseph Whittemore
was chosen, a Culler of Staves for the ensuing Year

On the Report of the Committee to Estimate the Sum Necessary to be raised for the Expences of the Current Year —

Voted, that the Article in said Report relative to the removal of Scholars of the North Grammar School. And M^{r}. Cheneys Scholars to North Grammar School be inserted in the Warrant for the Next General Town Meeting to be called —

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Col°. Sargents, read & considered, whereupon

Voted, that on Account of the present distressed circumstances of the Petitioners the Town Treasurer be directed, after he shall have obtained Judgement upon the suit now Instituted Against the said Sergeant, upon the payment of the Costs of the same, and the Dividend from the said Parkers Estate to suspend taking Execution on said Judgement untill the further Order of the Town —

The Report of the same Committee on the Petition of Mr. George Makepeace was also read and considered whereupon —

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be directed After he shall have Obtained Judgement upon the suit now depending against the said Makepeace, upon paying of the Costs of the same also the [**118.**] dividend from the said Parkers Estate & the further Sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds, towards the discharge of the Judgement aforesaid to Suspend taking out execution on said Judgement until the further Order of the Town —

The Report of the said Committee on Mr. Bayleys proposal, was also read & considered whereupon —

Voted, that the Assessors call upon the different Collectors in the Month of February in each Year & examine the Lists committed to them together, with their Receipt from the different Treasurers & Report to the Town an accurate statement thereof at their Annual Meeting in March previous to the Choice of Collectors for the Year then next ensuing —

The Article in the Warrant relative to the Wreck near the North Battery, read & considered whereupon —

Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to take the most effectual measures, that the Persons who Purchased the Wreck, remove the same immediately and if need be to commence Suits at Law for said purpose

On a Motion Voted, that the Committee to Revise the By Laws of the Town be desired to make Report at the next General Town Meeting —

Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to Visit the Public Schools the ensuing Year —

The Committee appointed to consider the Application of John May Esqr: that a Common Shore may be carried from Boston Neck into the Bay & make [**119.**] enquiry how far the pro-

prietors of said Neck have complied with the terms of their purchase & Report — have Attended that service & take leave to Report —

That it is not for the Intrest of the Town, or the Proprietors that a Common Shore should be made as Applied for — The said Proprietors conceive they have fulfilled their Contract with the Town on their part, so far as the Town have enabled them to do — Many of the Trees set out having failed, and three years Allowed by the Contract to replace them, they have made provision for the replacing them *this* Season — The Proprietors did not give leave for the breaking up the Ground, for making Brick on the Neck, until the Selectmen gave their consent; and when they found it disagreable to the Inhabitants, directed the Brickmakers to desist; and have ordered the Ground to be levelled —

With regard to the filling up & Repairing the sides of the Way, the Proprietors do not conceive themselves, held by the Contract to do it, solely at their Expence, & are willing that Indifferent Persons, should Judge between them and the Town concerning this business —

The Committee on hearing the Parties, give it as their Opinion, in order to end the Contest, and that the Ways may be made passable, that there be Three, or Five Persons, mutually chosen by the Selectmen and Proprietors, heare them upon the Subject and determine what shall be done and by whom as soon as may be all which is Submitted

Thomas Dawes
℔ Order

[**120.**] The aforegoing Report having been read, and Debate had thereon — The Question was put — Whether said Report shall be Accepted — Passed in the Affirmative —

Robert Hodge
Chosen a Culler of Hoops & Staves for the Year ensuing —

On the Representation of the Assessors relative to the Requisitions in Form of Law made upon them by the State Treasurer —

Voted, that the Selectmen be requested to prefer a Petition to the General Court Agreeable to the said Representation —

On the Petition of the Assessors that an Additional Grant may be made them for reasons set forth in said Petition —

Voted, that one shilling ℔ Day be Added to the Grant of five Shillings ℔ Day each Assessor, in March last making in the whole Six shillings ℔ Day for their services in said Office, being the same sum they had last Year

Voted, that all Matters & Things which shall remaine unfinished at this Meeting be referred over to the Next General Town Meeting that shall be called —

Voted, that the Thanks of the Town be & hereby are given to the Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr: Moderator for his good services in dispatching the Business of the Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved —

[**121.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall Saturday the 4th Day of July A. D. 1789 - - 9 O Clock A : M. - -

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - - read

William Cooper. —
was chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote. —

The Committee appointed the last Year to make choise of a Gentleman to deliver an Oration on the Anniversary of Independence.
Reported,
That they had made choice of the Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Stillman for the purpose aforesaid

On a Motion Voted that the Oration be delivered at the Stone Chapel 11. oClock A. M. leave having been obtained therefor - - -

Voted, that the Gentleman Selectmen acquaint D^{r}. Stillman, with this Vote - - - - -

The Meeting was then adjourned to the Stone Chapel 11. O Clock A M.

AN ORATION

to commemorate the Independence of the United States was delivered by the Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Stillman at the Stone Chapel to a large and crowded Assembly

Voted, — that the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed a Committee to wait on the Rev^{d}. [**122.**] D^{r}. Stillman and in the Name of the Town to thank him for the spirited & elegant Oration this Day delivered by him at the request of the Town upon the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America in which according to the Institution of the Town he considered the feelings manners and principles which led to that great National Event, And to request a Copy thereof for the Press.

On a Motion Voted, that the Gentleman the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed a Committee to apply to some one learned & able Gentleman to Deliver an *Oration* on the 4th. of July A. D. 1789, that Day being the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America wherein the Orator is to consider the feelings, manners & principles, which led to this great National Event; as well as the important & happy effects whether general or domestic which have already and will forever continue to flow from that Auspicious Epoch.

Then the Meeting was
dissolved. —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 23 Day of September A D 1789. 10 O Clock before noon. —

Warrant for calling Meeting - - - read.

[**123.**] Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr.
chosen Moderator by a hand Vote. —

The Article in the Warrant. Vizt.
"To consider the proposals of a large number of the respectable Inhabitants of the Town, for the Instruction of the Youth of both Sexes, and for reforming the present System of public Education - - - - read as were also the Proposals laid before the Town. —
whereupon moved &
Voted, that said Proposals be considered paragraph by paragraph. —

The first paragraph was accordingly read & considered; and the same accepted unanimously the 2d paragraph read & accepted 3d paragraph read & accepted 4th paragraph read & accepted 5th paragraph read & considered & Voted that the whole be taken out of the proposals. 6th paragraph read and Voted that the same be passed over. —
7th. paragraph - - read, — and accepted. —

It was then Moved & Voted, that the aforegoing propositions be referred to a Committee of Twelve persons to be chosen out of each Ward.

		Ward
Voted, that Mr.	Alexander Hill - - - - - -	1
	William Thompson Esqr - - -	2
	Revd. Dr. Elliot - - - - - - -	3
	Deacon Sharp - - - - - - -	4
	Dr. William Eustis - - - - - -	5
	Deacon Boardman - - - - - -	6

Dr. Simeon Howard - - - - - 7
Dr. Aaron Dexter - - - - - - 8
His Honor Saml. Adams Esqr. - - - 9
Honble: Stephen Higginson Esqr. - - 10
[124.] Revd. John Clark - - - - - - 11
Revd. Saml. West - - - - - - 12
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid and to consider the subject of Education at large & Report at the Adjournment - - -

The other Article in the Warrant Vizt. Whether application shall be made to the General Court for alterations to be made in an Act determining what transactions shall be Necessary to constitute the Settlement of a Citizen in any particular Town - - - read whereupon.

Voted, that said Article be referred for consideration to a Committee, to Report at the Adjournment

Voted that the
Gentlemen the Selectmen be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid

Adjourned to Thursday the 15. Day of October next 3. O Clock P. M. —

Thursday the 15. Day of October 1789. 3 O Clock P. M. Met according to Adjournment.

The Selectmen, a Committee for the purpose Reported the draught of a Petition to the General Court for alterations in an Act determining what transactions shall be necessary to constitute the settlement of a Citizen in any particular Town and the same having been read & Approved of by the Town. It was moved &

Voted, that the [125.] Gentleman the Selectmen be directed to sign the Petition in behalf of the Town, and to present the same to the General Court, at their next Session

The Committee relative to the Schools. — Reported, and the same having been read - - It was Moved & Voted, that the Report be considered, paragraph by paragraph. - - -

1st. paragraph read. — when it was moved to refer the consideration of the Report to March Meeting And the Question being put, passed in the Negative And a Motion was then made to refer the consideration for a Month, which motion was also Negatived. —

It was then moved & Voted to Adjourn this Meeting, to the next Morning 10. O Clock. —

Friday the 16. of October. 10 O'Clock A. M. Town met according to Adjournment. - - - - -

The Report of the Committee relative to a new arangement of the Schools, was again read, and then considered by paragraphs - - - It was moved that the debate subside, Upon information given the Town that the President of the United States was like soon to Honor this Metropolis with a Visit. — It was moved & Voted, that a Committee be now chosen, to consider & Report what they shall Judge to be the best to express the Respects of the Town to President Washington. —

Voted that
The Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.
William Eustis Esqr.
Honble. Stephen Higginson Esqr.
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid. —

[**126.**] The above Committee Reported — Viz^{t}.

That the Selectmen be directed to wait on the President of the United States on his arrival, to present to him the respects of the Town to express the high sense they entertain of the great & illustrious services he has rendered this Country. And the heart felt satisfaction which the Citizens have in the Honor of his Visit. —

The Committee submit to the consideration of the Town, the propriety of evidencing their Affection & respect to the President by any other provision which they shall Judge proper —

The first part of this Report having been considered, It was moved &

Voted, that a Committee be appointed to prepare a Congratulatory Address to y^{e}. President of the United States to be laid before the Town for their consideration, at the Adjournment of this Meeting.

Voted, that Charles Jarvis Esqr.
William Eustis Esqr.
Nathl. Appleton
Honble. Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr. Moderator
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid. —

Adjourned to 3. O Clock P. M. —

3 O Clock P. M. Town met. —

The 2d part of the Report of the Committee, relative to any further way of expressing their respect and Affection for President Washington was read. — and after some consideration - - It was moved and [**127.**] Voted, that the debate thereon, shall subside

The Report of the Committee for reforming the present system of public education in Boston & making a new arrangment of the Schools and again considered by paragraphs, and amended & the Question was then put Whether the Report as thus amended be accepted, - - - - - passed in the Affirmative about 140 present.

A Motion made was adopted by the Town Vizt. That when this Meeting is adjourned it shall be to Tuesday next 10. O Clock A. M. being the 20. Instant, in order to choose the Committee of Twelve who are to be Join'd with the Selectmen to carry the new System of education which has been adopted by the Town into operation - - - and that the Inhabitants be notified hereof in the public Prints. —

The Report of the above Committee as laid before the Town by their Chairman William Thompson Esqr. and as amended & accepted in Town Meeting is as follows Vizt.

The Committee to whom was referred the propositions for reforming the present System of public Education in Boston, Report & offer the following Plan & Arrangment - - Vizt.

Propositions for reforming the present System of public Education in Boston.

1st. That that there be one School in which the rudiments of the latin & greek languages shall be taught, and Scholars fully qualified for the Universities. That all Candidates for admission into this School. shall be at least ten years of Age [**128.**] having been previously well instructed in English Grammar, that they shall continue it not longer than four years, and that they have liberty to attend the public Writing Schools at such hours as the Visiting Committee shall direct. —

2d *Second* That there be one Writing School at the South part of the Town, one at the centre and one at the North part; that in those Schools the Children of both Sexes be taught writing & also arithmetic in the various branches usually taught in the Town Schools, including vulgar & decimal fractions —

3d. *Third*, That there be one Reading School at the South part of the Town, one at the Centre, one at the North part, that in these Schools the Children of both Sexes, be taught to spell

accent and read both prose & verse, and also be instructed in English Grammar & Composition. —

4. *Fourth* - - That the Children of both Sexes be admitted into the reading & writing Schools at the age of Seven Years, having previously received the Instructions usual at Womens School that they be allowed to continue in the reading & writing Schools until the Age of fourteen, the Boys attending the Year round; the Girls from the 20th. of April to the 20th. of October following — that they attend these Schools alternately at such times & subject to such changes as the Visiting Committee in consultation with the Masters, shall approve. —

5. *Fifth.* That the Committee be annually chosen by ballot to consist of twelve in addition to the Selectmen, whose business it shall be to Visit [**129.**] the Schools once in every Quarter, and as much oftener as they shall Judge proper with three of their number at least, to consult together in order to devise the best Methods for the Instruction & Government of the Schools and to communicate the result of their determinations to the Masters; to determine at what hours the Schools shall begin, and to appoint play Days in their Visitations, to enquire into the particular regulations of the Schools both in regard to Instruction & Discipline, and give such advice to the Masters as they shall think proper, to examine the Scholars in the particular branches which they are taught, and by all proper Methods to excite in them a laudable ambition to excel in a virtuous, amiable deportment and in every branch of useful knowledge. —

The Committee recommend the following Arrangment of the Schools, to the acceptance of the Town - - - - Vizt.

1st. That the School House in pleasant Street now occupied by Mr. Ticknor, be the South Reading School until a further provision be made by a new Building. —

2d. That the School House in West Street now occupied by Mr. Vinal, be the South Writing School.

3d. That a Building be hired for a reading School near the Centre of the Town. —

4th. That the School House in School Street now occupied by Mr. Hunt be the School for Instruction in the Latin & Greek Languages. —

5th. That the School House in Tremont Street now occupied by Mr. Carter, be the Central Writing School.

6th. That the Building in Middle Street [**130.**] now occupied by Mr. Cheney, be retained for the North Writing School. —

7th. That the School House in Love Street in which Mr. Tileston now teaches, be continued for the North Writing School, and that the North Latin School House nearly contiguous be annexed to it in order to accomodate Writing Scholars, should their number be greater than the former House will conveniently contain.—

The Committee further inform the Town that the Rent of a Building for a Reading School in the Centre of the Town and the charge of making some small alterations in the North Writing School house, will be the only extra expence necessarily incurred by this Plan & Arrangement, whilst the great & obvious advantages which may be derived from them to the Youth in general, and to the Female Sex in particular would abundantly compensate & Justify a far greater expence. —

The meeting stands Adjourned to Tuesday the 20th. of October Inst. 10. O Clock A. M.

Tuesday the 20. October 10. O Clock. A. M. Met according to Adjournment.

Moved & Voted, That a Committee be now appointed to Join the Selectmen in devising the most suitable ways for the Inhabitants of this Town to express their affection & respect to President Washington, and the sense they have of the honor done them by his Visit to this Metropolis, and that this Committee consist of Thirteen Persons. —

[**131.**] The following Gentleman were accordingly chosen Vizt.

The Honble. James Sullivan (excused)
Paul Revere Esqr.
Honble. Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.
Samuel Breck Esqr.
Joseph Barrell Esqr.
William Tuder Esqr.
William Eustis Esqr.
John Lucas Esqr.
Capt. Mungo Mackay
Mr. Joseph Clark
Mr. Elisha Sigorney
Mr. James Prince
Mr. Benjamin Russell

Voted, that the above Committee be desired to procure Subscriptions to defray the expence that may be incurred — also.

Voted, that the Magistrates and Peace Officers of the Town be requested, to attend at the entry of the President, in order to preserve Peace & prevent disorders. —

The Committee to prepare an Address to be presented the President of the United States by the Gentlemen the Selectmen Reported a Draught which being read & considered was accepted by the Town, but on Motion was recommitted that such grammatical alterations, might be made as the Committee might Judge proper. —

On Motion Voted that the
Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr. the Moderator of the Meeting be added to said Committee

[**132.**] A Vote having passed before the last Adjournment that at this Meeting there should be chosen by ballot a Committee of twelve who in addition to the Selectmen are to carry the new System of Education which has been adopted by the Town into operation — the Inhabitants were directed to withdraw & bring in their Votes accordingly, and the same having been brought in and sorted, it appeared that only eleven Persons were chosen Viz^{t}.

Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Rev^{d}. Samuel West
Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Lothrop
Rev^{d}. James Freeman
John Coffin Jones Esqr.
D^{r}. Thomas Welch
D^{r}. Nathl. W. Appleton
Jonathan Mason Junr. Esqr.
D^{r}. Aaron Dexter Esqr.
Christopher Gore Esq.
George B. Minot Esqr.

The Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for one Person wanted to complete the number of said Committee and the same having been brought in and sorted it appeared that

William Tuder Esqr.

was chosen. —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved. —

[**133.**] The following Address of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, to the *President* of the United States of America was agreeable to a Vote of the Town at their late Meeting, this Day presented him by the Selectmen. — Viz^{t}.

Sir

We beg leave to express our Happiness in the Honor you confer upon us by a Visit to this Capital.

We are happy in the opportunity of again making our personal Acknowledgements to a Character, to which, on every Principle,

we are so deeply indebted, Every Motive of Esteem, Duty & Affection have conspired to form in our Minds the strongest Attachment that the freest People can feel to the most deserving Citizen. —

As Men we have long since considered you under God as the great & glorious Avenger of the violated Rights of Humanity — As Citizens we have observed with peculiar Satisfaction, that you have invariably respected those Liberties which you have so successfully defended. - - - And as Inhabitants of a great Commercial Town we attribute the Security we enjoy to the singular Merit & Success of those Measures in the Progress of the War, which You had the Honor to conduct. —

It cannot but afford you the highest Pleasure, when you compare our present situation with the signal Distresses to which we were exposed during the Period in which this Town was in the Possession of an exasperated Enemy. Indignant at the multiplied Restraints of hostile Domination, we [**134.**] sought an Asylum among our Friends & Connections in the Country, and cheerfully abandoned our Prosperity and Possessions in the Common Cause of America. That we were so soon happily reinstated, may be justly imputed to the Wisdom of those Arrangements, which compelled our Invaders, in their Retreat. to adopt a less destructive Policy than that which on other Occasions they so wantonly practised; In every trying Viscissitude we have remarked the conspicuous and unaffected Piety of your Heart & the Wisdom & Moderation of your Councils. —

We have seen you relinquish the Ease & Independence of private Fortune to lead in the untried Dangers of a War at the Risk of your Life & Reputation. With pleasure we have viewed you retiring in Victory & exhibiting a new Example of Patriotic Virtue to an admiring World: And we now feel a still higher Satisfaction, at your having once more Sacrificed the Sweets of Domestic Retirement in Obedience to the United Voice of your Countrymen. —

These, Sir, are the Sentiments & Reflections which naturally occur on an attentive Consideration of your past Conduct. To the future we look for those Virtues which adorn the Man and mark the wise and accomplished Legislator We anticipate from your Discernment the happy Union of Liberty & Law, Lenity & Vigor, Mercy & Justice The enlightened Policy of a Mind calm amidst the Influence of Power and uncorrupted by the fascinating Allurements of Avarice or Ambition. —

With these Impressions the Preservation of [**135.**] your Life through the varied Scenes in which you have been engaged Demands our grateful Acknowledgements to the Beneficent Disposer of Human Events.

It is one of the first Wishes of our Hearts that you may be as happy in your present elevated Station, as you have been Distinguished in your Military Character, and it is our fervent Prayer to the Almighty Ruler of the Universe that the Invisible

Hand which led the Citizens of America through the Dangers & Calamities of War, may still guard & protect you as an Ornament to Human Nature and a Blessing to your Country. —

The following is the Reply of the President of the United States to the aforegoing Address. Viz^{t}.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston

Gentlemen

The obligations which your goodness has imposed upon me, demand my grateful and receive my sincere acknowledgements — Your esteem does me honor, and your Affection communicates the truest pleasure — by endeavoring to deserve, I will indulge the hope of retaining them. —

Over-rating my services, you have ascribed consequences to them, in which it would be injustice to deny a participation to the virtue and firmness of my worthy fellow Citizens of this respectable Town and Commonwealth. - - -

If the exercise of my military commission has contributed to vindicate the rights of humanity, and to secure the freedom & happiness of my Country, the purpose for which it was assumed has been completed [**136.**] and I am amply rewarded - - - If in the prosecution of my civil duties, I shall be so fortunate as to meet the wishes of my Fellow Citizens, and to promote the advantage of our common Interests, I shall not regret the Sacrifices, which you are pleased to mention in terms so obliging.

The numerous sensations of heartfelt satisfaction which a review of past scenes affords to my mind, in a comparison of the present happy hour, are far beyond my powers of utterance to express.

I rejoice with you, my fellow citizens in every circumstance that declares your prosperity - - and I do so, most cordially, because you have well deserved to be happy.

Your love of liberty, your respect for the laws, your habits of industry, and your practice of the moral & religious obligations are the strongest claims to national and individual happiness - - and they will I trust, be firmly & lastingly established.

Your wishes for my personal felicity impress a deep & affectionate gratitude - - - And your prayer to the Almighty of the Universe in my behalf calls forth my fervent supplication to that gracious and beneficent Being, for every blessing on your temporal pursuits, and for the perfection of your happiness hereafter. —

G^{o}. Washington

Boston, October 27th. 1789.

[**137.**] Att a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 10th. Day of February A. D. 1790. 10. OClock. — Forenoon

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - read.

The Precept for the choice of a Representative in the room of Christopher Gore Esqr. who has resigned - - - also read - - whereupon.

Moved & Voted, that on account of the severity of the season, this Meeting was adjourned to meet immediately at the County Court House, where Stoves are erected. —

Met at the County Court House according to Adjournment.

Moved & Voted, that the sense of the Town be taken with respect to the choise of a Representative in the room of Christopher Gore Esqr. agreeable to the precept received for that purpose And the Question accordingly put it passed in the Negative. —

The Town having determined not to choose a Representative in the Room of Christopher Gore Esqr. who has resigned. —

It was Voted, that a Moderator be now chosen by a Hand Vote to preside at the Meeting for transacting the other matters mentioned in the Warrant. —

Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.
was chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote. —

[**138.**] A Letter from Christopher Gore Esqr. to the Inhabitants giving his reasons for having resigned his Seat as one of our Representatives in the General Court since his appointment to the Office of Attorney to the United States — was read whereupon

Moved & Voted, unanimously that the Thanks of this Town be and hereby are given to Christopher Gore Esqr. for his services as one of the Representatives of the Town in General Court. —

The Petition of a number of the Inhabitants relative to the weighing of Hay - - read. whereupon Voted, that any further Consideration of this matter be referred over to March Meeting.

The Petition for an Application to the General Court for a Lottery to defray the Charges of paving Purchase Street & Battery March, was read — whereupon moved &

Voted, that a Committee be now appointed to prepare a Petition to be presented in behalf of the Town, to the General Court for their being permitted to raise by Lotteries a sum not exceeding £3000. for paving and repairing the Streets of Boston.

Voted that the
Gentleman Selectmen
be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid.

The Article in the Warrant relative to M^{r}. Wheelers request for building on the Towns Land was read, and on Motion referred to

The Gentlemen Selectmen

for them to act thereon, as they shall Judge best.

[**139.**] The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. — "To consider on the expediency of Instructing our Representatives in the General Court for the repeal of the present Excise Act" read — whereupon Moved & Voted, that a Committee be appointed to take this matter into consideration, & Report as soon as may be also

Voted, that

The Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr. (Moderator)
Honble. James Sullivan Esqr.
Honble. Stephen Higginson Esqr.
John Codman Esqr.
M^{r}. Henry Prentice

be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid. —

The Article in the Warrant relative to Erecting a new School House - - was read whereupon

Voted, that the Selectmen be empowered and directed, to Erect a new School House at the Southerly part of the Town, for a reading School, agreeable to the new System of Education adopted by the Town, and on such a spot as they shall Judge proper. —

The Article in the Warrant relative to the North Latin School - - read.
whereupon

Voted, that the Selectmen be empowered & directed to make such repairs & alterations in the North School House as they shall think best.

The Article in the Warrant relative to explaining the Commission given to the School Committtee on the 15th. of October last being read — after debate. —

Voted, That the Committee of twelve appointed in October last to manage in concert [**140.**] with the Selectmen the affairs & goverment of the Schools, be authorised with the Selectmen in future to exercise all the powers relating to the Schools & School Masters, which the Selectmen or such Committees are authorised by the Laws of this State or the Votes of this Town to exercise, any former Votes of the Town notwithstanding. —

Adjourned to 4. O Clock. P. M.

3 O Clock P. M. Met according to Adjournment

On Motion, Voted, that the two aforegoing Votes authorising & empowering the Selectmen relative to building a new School house at the Southerly part of the Town & altering & repairing the North School houses, be so far reconsidered, as to Assign the same duty to the School Committee instead of the Selectmen.

The Town took into consideration the Article in the Warrant respecting the expediency of Instructing their Representatives in the General Court & endeavor an Repeal of the present Excise Law, and it appearing to the Town impracticable to enforce the present, [law] or to raise a Revenue in that way without injuring the Commerce of the State, lessening the respectability of the Goverment and corrupting the morals of the People, while other States in the Union have no such Law existing - - - Therefore

Voted, that the Representatives of this Town be and hereby are Instructed to use their utmost influence to effect a Repeal of the present Excise Act and to prevent any new ones taking place

Voted, that all Matters & things which remain unfinished at this Meeting be referred over to March Meeting then to be acted upon

[141.] Then the Meeting was dissolved.—

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 8 Day of March Anno Domini 1790 10. O Clock before noon. - - - -

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Lothrop

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Sundry Laws to be read at this Meeting were accordingly — read —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for a Moderator of this Meeting, and the same being brought in & sorted it appeared that

Jonathan Mason Junr. Esqr. (declin'd)

was chosen. —

Col^{o}. Dawes & Col^{o}. Crafts having been chosen Moderator & declining for reasons given by each. —

[142.] Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.

was chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote.

A Letter from Maj^{r}. William Thompson to the Selectmen of

Boston, inclosing the Copy of a hand bill which had on the Saturday preceeding been dispersed in this Town containing his offer to serve in the Office of Town Clerk for one half the Salary granted the last Year to the present Clerk & requesting that they may be read to the Inhabitants, previous to the Votes being given in for a Town Clerk - - - were accordingly distinctly read by the Town Clerk - - - - a short pause followed The Inhabitants were then directed by the Selectmen to withdraw, and bring in their Votes for a Town Clerk, and the same having been brought in and sorted, it appeared that the whole number was 616. and that

William Cooper

having 512 of said Votes, was chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing & took the Oath of Office for the faithful discharge of his Duty - as also the Oath of Allegiance required by Law - - - which Oaths were administered to him by Thomas Crafts Esqr. —

The Town having determined by a Vote to chose Nine Selectmen - - - the Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for that number and the same being brought in sorted it appeared that the following Gentlemen Viz^{t}.

[143.]

John Scollay Esqr.
Harbottle Dorr Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Capt. Edward Tyler (declined)
John Andrews Esqr. - - d^{o}.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
Deacon William Boardman
M^{r}. Ebenezer Sever
Jabez Hatch Esqr.

were chose Selectmen for the Year ensuing, and had the Oath of Allegiance administered to them by the Town Clerk. —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for twelve Overseers of the Poor and the same being brought in & sorted it appeared that

Jonathan Mason Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Whitwell
John White Esqr.
Edward Procter Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
Jonathan L. Austin Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Parkman
M^{r}. Edward Edes
Henry Hill Esqr.
M^{r}. John Codman Junr.
M^{r}. William Smith
M^{r}. William Phillips Junr.

were chose Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing. —

Votes for a Treasurer of the County of Suffolk brought in & counted by the Moderator & [**144.**] Town Clerk, when it appeared that the whole number was three hundred & five, and that they were all for Thomas Crafts Esqr. a discreet suitable Person, being a Freeholder, and a Resident in the same County. - - -

On Motion
Voted, that D^{r}. Charles Jarvis (excused)
Nathaniel Appleton Esqr.
Jonathan Mason Esqr.
Amasa Davis Esqr.
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
be a Committee to consider & Report what is proper to be done respecting the Poor in the Alms House

Adjourned to 3 O Clock. P. M.

3 O Clock P. M. Town met again. —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Sixteen Fire-wards and the same having been brought in & sorted it appeared that

William Cooper (excused)
Edward Procter Esqr. (declined)
Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.
M^{r}. Thomas Tileston
M^{r}. John Lowell (declined)
John Winthrop Esqr.
Thomas Melville Esqr
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Samuel Breck Esqr.
Jacob Rhodes
[**145.**] M^{r}. Joseph Clark
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
Honble. Thomas Russell Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Edes
John Sweetser Esqr.
Jonathan Mason Junr. Esq.
were chose Fire-wards for the Year ensuing. —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}.
"To choose a School Committee — was read & after some debate it was moved & Voted, That in addition to the Selectmen Twelve Persons should now be chosen & the following Gentlemen, were accordingly chose by Ballot Viz^{t}.

Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Rev^{d}. Samuel West
Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Lothrop

Rev^{d}. James Freeman
John Coffin Jones Esqr.
D^{r}. Thomas Welch
D^{r}. Nathl. W. Appleton
Jonathan Mason Junr. Esqr.
Aaron Dexter Esqr.
Christopher Gore Esqr.
George R. Minot Esqr.
William Tuder Esqr.

Also Voted

That the aforegoing Committee who conjunctly are to be termed the School Committee be and hereby are directed to carry *the new System of Education* which has been adopted by the Town [**146.**] into operation - - and said Committee are also authorized & impowered, conjunctly to manage and regulate the affairs & government of the Schools, and in future to exercise all the Powers relating to the Schools & School-masters, which the Selectmen or such Committees, are authorized by the Laws of this Commonwealth on the Votes of this Town to exercise. any former Votes of the Town notwithstanding. —

Peter Boyer Esqr.

was chosen Town Treasurer for the Year ensuing who took the Oath of Office and the Oath of Allegiance which were administered to him by the Town Clerk.

On motion Voted, that the Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, that may be chosen, shall give Bond to the Selectmen, and be sworn to the faithful discharge of his Trust, & to account & settle with the Selectmen once a Week. - - - - also

Voted, that the pay of the Person that shall be chosen Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market be left to the Selectmen. —

On Motion, the Question was put Viz^{t}. — Whether the Selectmen shall appoint the Clerk for Faneuil Hall Market. —

The Votes being brought in for a a Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, it appeared that

M^{r}. Mathew Nazro.

was chosen a Clerk for the Year ensuing. —

[**147.**] On Motion Voted that

Thomas Crafts Esqr.
D^{r}. Welch
John R. Sigorney

be a Committee to enquire what is the duty of a Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market and Report such additions as they shall Judge proper. —

The Inhabitants as directed brought in their Votes for twelve Constables when it appeared that

Messrs: Shubael Hews
Samuel Whitney
Benjamin Homans
John Butterfield
John Cades
James Perkins
John Bosson
Edward Wentworth
Henry Crompston
John McLane
Abner Rummerel
James Williams
were chose Constables for the Year ensuing

Voted, that four per cent be allowed and hereby is allowed to the Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing for all such Sums of Money & public Securities as they shall Collect and pay into the several Treasuries of the Sums committed to them to collect within ten Months from the receit of the Tax Books, and three per cent on all [**148.**] such other Sums as shall afterwards be Collected also that such Collectors give Bond with sufficient Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of their Duty in said Office and complying with this Vote and that they will not receive any Premium or Gratuity for discounting any order, Notes or Receipts from the Treasurer of the State or the Treasurer of the Town

Messrs. Benjamin Henderson
James Thompson
Thomas Bayley
Charles Williams
were chose Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing and qualified themselves for their Office as the Law directs. —

Voted, that the Assesssors be and hereby are impowered and directed to set for such Abatements of Taxes as they shall Judge reasonable, two Days in each week, after the delivery of the Tax Books to the Collectors, for the space of Six Weeks and no longer, saving that they be allowed to set the last Week in February, Lords Day excepted, for the Abatement of the Taxes of such Persons as had not an opportunity of applying in the above limited time, by reason of their being out of the Commonwealth or any unavoidable hindrance & that the Assessors determine upon the said two Days, which is to be noted on the Tax Bills to be Delivered to the Inhabitants. —

[**149.**] The Votes being brought in for five Assessors it appeared that

Gyles Harris Esqr.
M^{r}. William Lowder

Samuel Ruggles Esqr.
John R. Sigorney
M^{r}. Edward Davis
were chose Assessors for the Year ensuing and qualified themselves as the Law directs.

Allowance to the Assessors postponed to May Meeting. —

John Winslow Esqr.
Thomas Greenleaff
Lemuel Cravath
Luke Baker
Oliver Brewster
William Boardman Junr.
Samuel Greenough Junr.
Morgan Stillman
John Fisher
Samuel Coverly
Henry Newman
Allen Crocker
were chose Clerks of the Market for the Year ensuing. —

Messrs. Henry Blaisdel
John Champney
Samuel Dyer
Joseph Ayres
Edmund Ranger
Moses May
Benjamin White
[150.] Joshua Bentley
Josiah Nuttage
Benjamin Page
Nathaniel Glover
James Rogers
Abraham Hayward
Clement Collings
John Cogswell
Andrew Townsend Junr.
Were Chosen Surveyors of Boards and Shingles for the Year Ensuing.

Adjourned to Wednesday the 10th. Inst. 10. oClock

Wednesday the 10th. Inst. Met according to Adjournment — see Page 154 —
The Selectmen
Were Chose Surveyors of the high ways for the Year ensuing —

Messrs. William McNeil
Jeffery Richardson were —
Chose Surveyors of Hemp for the Year ensuing —

Messrs. Benjamin White
Samuel Dyer
William Crafts
Andrew Townsend Junr.
William Todd — were Chose Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing —

Messrs. William Billings
Samuel Bangs
Nathan Green
Thomas Bradlee
Jacob Holland, were Chose Sealers of Leather for the year ensuing. —

[151.] Mr. Adam Colson
Was Chosen An Informer of Deer for the Year Ensuing. —

Messrs. Job Wheelwright
Joshua Pico
Manasseh Marston
Henry Purket
William Parkman
Lemuel Gardner
Joseph Loring
Thomas Foster
John Bray
Edward Dolbear
Caleb Hayden
Edward Burt
Samuel Harris
John Owen
Samuel Avis
Ebenezer Woodward
David Marston
Arthur Langsford
Thomas Barber
Joseph Bisset
William Marston
John Smith
Jonathan Cushing
Timothy Pease Junr.
Were Chose Cullers of hoops and Staves for the Year Ensuing —

Messrs. George Hamlin
Francis Booth
Robert Hews
were Chose Hogreeves for the Year Ensuing

[152.] Messrs. George Hamlin
Francis Booth
James Wheeler
Were Chose Haywards for the Year Ensuing —

Voted that Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
Samuel Breck
Maj^{r}. Thompson
Be and hereby are appointed A Committee to Audit the accompts of the Town Treasurer and also the accounts of the Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor. and said Committee are also directed to report the Sum Necessary to be raised for the Services of the Present Year —

John Lucas Esqr.
Edward Tuckerman Esqr.
Were Chose Surveyers of Wheat for the Year Ensuing. —

Messrs. Thomas Green
John Skinner
Were Chose Assay masters for the year Ensuing. —

Capt. Edward Tyler and John Andrews Esqr. having by Letter acquainted the Meeting. that they Could not. for the reasons offer'd Serve as Selectmen the present year, it was moved and —

Voted, That the thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to those Gentlemen for their good Services in that office A Number of Years past —

[**153.**] M^{r}. Cooper Acquainted the Town that having been Chosen into the office of A Fireward for about Thirty five years Successively, he must now decline that service, whereupon it was. —

Voted. That the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto M^{r}. Cooper for his good services during so long A Period

The Petition of Doctor Whipple & Captn Laha relative to the Continuance of an Inoculating hospital at Rainsford Island was read. whereupon

Voted that the Petitioners agreeable to The Prayer of their Petition. Have the Approbation of the Town for their Continueing said Inoculating Hospital at Rainsford Island

The petition of M^{r}. Benj^{a}. Kingsbury for an abatement of Taxes. read and Considered Whereupon — Voted — That M^{r}. Kingsbury has Leave to withdraw his Petition —

The Petition of A Number of Inhabitants. for A New Watch to be Stationed in State Street — read — whereupon —

Voted. That the Petition be Left to the selectmen to Consider and act thereon as they shall Judge Proper —

The Petition of A Number of Persons That A Person may be

Appointed & A Salary allowed him to take Care of the Hay Engine Instead of the present mode of leasing the Same read &

Voted, That s^{d}. Petitioners have Leave to withdraw their Petition

[**154.**] The Inhabitants having been directed to bring in their Votes for two Selectmen in the room of Captn. Tyler, and M^{r}. Andrews who had resign'd, and the same having been brought in & Sorted. it Appeared — That

Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Thomas Edwards Esqr.

Were Chosen Selectmen for the Year Ensuing —

see Page 143

The Petition of Maj^{r}. Samuel Cookson relative to A Nuisance. near A place formerly Called Hog Ally — read — whereupon —

Voted. that John Lucas Esqr.
Hon^{a}. Caleb Davis Esqr.
William Thompson Esqr.

be A Committee to Consider the Petition and to report as soon as may be

The Town brought in their Votes as directed by the Moderator for Three fire wards in the room of y^{e}. Gentlemen who have resigned — upon Sorting them it Appeared that

Amasa Davis Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Whitwell Junr.
M^{r}. Russell Sturgis

Were Chose firewards for the Year Ensuing

The Committee relative to the Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market. P^{r}. Coll^{o}. Craft Chairman reported — Whereupon. the following Votes were Passed Viz^{t}.

Whereas. the duty of the Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market is not understood. and it now becoming Necessary that the Same should be Clearly defined [**155.**] to enable him faithfully to discharge the Same — therefore — Voted That the Clerk of the Market who now is or may hereafter be Chosen. shall before he enters on the duty of his Office give Bond to the Selectmen to account for all moneys he may receive, and be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty. and shall be obliged to Settle with the Selectmen at least once every month. and Oftener if Called upon by them — also —

Voted. That it be the Duty of Said Clerk, and he is hereby ordered and directed to have the Market under Faneuil Hall kept — Clean, and Swept out. twice a Week. and washed Out.

every Saturday. from the Month of May to the Month of October. following — that no dirt or filth Of any sort be Suffered to lay on or round the Market Square so called. for more than Twenty four Hours — that the Same shall be collected up in Piles — for removal every afternoon, begining the first week in May. and to continue till the last week in October — and from October to May the fifth shall be removed at least once every Week —

Voted that it be particularly the duty of the said Clerk. and he is hereby authorized and empowered to inspect all weights and measures made use of. in and round the market square so called, and to Prosecute all Persons making use of weights and measures. not according to the standard of Law. [**156.**] On his own View. or on complaint made to him by any of the inhabitants. And he is further ordered and directed on his own View. or on the information of any inhabitant of the Town. to Prosecute to final Judgment any Huckster or Forestallers of the Market and whatever legal expences may arise in Consequence of the Prosecution of either of the above cases, shall be born by the Town — To the intent that the above regulations may be put in full force. —

Voted. That the selectmen be and they are hereby empowered and directed on Complaint of any of the inhabitants against the Clerk for neglect of his duty about the same, and if on Enquiry they shall find him Guilty thereof. they are hereby empowered and directed to appoint Some other meet Person in his room untill the Town Proceed by the Choice of Another —

Voted. That all matters and things Which shall remain unfinished at this meeting be referred over to the General Town meeting in May next.

Voted. That the thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to the Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr. Moderator of this meeting for his good Services in dispatching the business thereof. —

Then the meeting was dissolv'd

[**157.**] Return of the Widening of Prince Street At a meeting of the Major Part of the Justices, and Selectmen of the Town of Boston. On the 9th. day of October 1789. For regulating and enlarging. Prince Street Where a dessolution has happened —

A Line was run from the South west Corner Westerly on Land of Henry Newman. eight feet. and then Sixteen feet North on Prince Street. continuing A slant Line easterly on back Street. eleven feet. from thence on A Strait line, South on Land of the

Widdow Gees twenty four feet. The Land within the Said lines — Containing One hundred and Sixty Square feet the Said Justices and Selectmen State and lay out into the Public street or high Way —

Joseph Gardner Thomas Crafts Samuel Barrett Ezekiel Price Thomas Edwards James Hughes Thomas Dawes Junr. Nathl. Greene	Justices of the Peace
John Scollay Harb. Dorr Edward Tyler Thomas Walley Eben^{r}. Seaver	Selectmen of Boston.

At a Meeting of the Magistrates & Selectmen the Ninth of October. One Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty nine

[**158.**] Present. Messrs. Justice Gardner. Greenleaf. Barrett. Crafts. Price. Dawes. Edwards. Green. and Hewes.

Of the Selectmen

Present. Messrs. Scollay. Dorr. Price. Tyler. Andrews Walley and Boardman —

Voted. Unanimously. That the above Peice of Land be taken in to widen the Street The Same being thought Necessary for the benefit of the Town. as it lay in A ruinous, hazardous And Very dangerous Situation. The Above Described Peice commencing Thirteen feet. from The building now Standing On the same Estate (Formerly Gee's) Fronting on back Street

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[**159.**] At a meeting of the male Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, of Twenty one years of age. and upwards. qualified. as the Constitution Prescribes, and Legaly Warned in Public Town Meeting. Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the fifth day of April — Anno Domini. 1790. —

The Meeting was opened. with Prayer by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Belknap —

Warrant for Calling a Meeting — read

Paragraph of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment. relative to the Choice of Governor. Lieu^{t}. Governor. and Senators — read

It was declared by the Selectmen that no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded; and they Purpose the Poll shall be Closed at half past Twelve O'Clock. and the Votes received at the Table. —

It was ordered by the Selectmen that the Bells be tolled at Twelve O'Clock. —

Persons *Voted* for as *Governor* with the Number of *Votes* for Each Person — Viz^{t}. —

	Votes
His Excellency John Hancock Esqr. - - -	739
Honorable — James Bowdoin Esqr. - - -	224
His Honor. Samuel Adams Esqr. - - - -	1
Joseph Barrel Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	1

[160.] Persons *Voted* for as *Lieu^{t}. Governor* with the number of Votes for Each Person. —

	Votes
His Honor Samuel Adams Esqr. - - - -	788
Honorable Thomas Russell Esqr. - - - -	165
Honorable Azor Orne Esqr. - - - - - -	1
His Excell^{cy}. John Hancock Esqr. - - - -	1
Honorable Benj^{a}. Lincoln Esqr. - - - - -	1
Honorable Caleb Davis Esqr. - - - - -	1
Joseph Barrel Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	1
M^{r}. Edward Wentworth - - - - - - - -	1

Persons *Voted* for as *Senators* for the County of Suffolk with the Number of Votes for Each Person — Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Honble. William Phillips Esqr. - - - - -	951
Honble. Cotton Tufts Esqr. - - - - - -	959
Honble. Stephen Metcalf Esqr. - - - - -	948
Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr. - - - - -	959
Honble. Benj^{a}. Austin Junr. Esqr. - - - -	669
Honble. William Heath Esqr. - - - - -	659
Honble. Thomas Russell Esqr. - - - - -	290
John Read Esqr. - - - - - - - -	256
Jonathan Mason Esqr. - - - - - -	17
James Bowdoin Junr. Esqr. - - -	45
Honble. Elijah Dunbar Esqr. - - -	1
Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr. - - - -	46
Arnold Wells Esqr. - - -	1
Samuel Breck Esqr. - - -	1
Honble. Ebenezer Wales Esqr. - - -	1
Thomas Clarke Esqr. - - -	1
Honble. Jabez Fisher Esqr. - - - -	1
Honble. Richard Cranch Esqr. - - -	1
M^{r}. Seth Johnson - - - - - - -	1

[**161.**] Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as Governor. Lieutenant Governor and Senators. for the County of Suffolk were committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth and the Inclosers, Sealed up in Town Meeting; Superscribed as follows. Viz^{t}.

For
John Avery Esqr.
Secretary of the
Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

The Number of *Votes* of the Town of Boston for a *Governor Lieutenant Governor* And *Six Senators*. for the County of Suffolk — Certified within and Sealed up in Town Meeting

Then the Meeting
Was dissolved.

[**162.**] At a meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and Legaly Warned in Public Town Meeting. Assembled. at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the 11th. day of May Anno Domini 1790

10. O'Clock. A. M.
Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. Doct^{r}. Howard

Warrant for Calling the Meeting - - read

That part of the Constitution or frame of Goverment which relates to the Choice of Representatives - - - - - read —

Sundry Laws to be read at said Meeting Or Parts of them were Accordingly - - - read —

The Town having Determined to Choose Seven Persons to Represent them in the General Court of Massachusetts to be held in the State house in Boston On the Last Wednesday of May Current Agreeable to the Constitution or frame of Goverment for the Massachusetts, the Inhabitants were directed to Withdraw and bring in their Votes. for Seven Representatives and then it was declared by the Selectmen that no Votes would be received. but such as are unfolded. And that they intend the Poll shall be Closed at half past Twelve O'Clock, Bell to toll a Little before that time —

The Votes being brought in for Seven [**163.**] Representatives. The Number of the same were found to be two hundred — and upon — sorting them. It appeared that the following — Gentlemen only were Chosen by A Majority of Votes. Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Samuel Breck Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	143
Jonathan Mason Senr. Esqr. - - - - - -	142
Charles Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	108
John Coffin Jones Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	147
William Eustis Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	178

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Three O'Clock P. M. is the time Assigned for the Choice of Two Representatives and the Selectmen Informed the Inhabitants that they Purpose that the Poll shall be Closed at 4 O'Clock

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock P. M

3 O'Clock P. M. Met according to Adjournment —

The Votes for Two Persons to Represent the Town in the General Court the Present year. being brought in and Counted. the whole Number was found to be One hundred Seventy Nine and the Same being Sorted. it appeared that the Two following Gentlemen were Chosen by A Majority of Votes. — Viz^{t}.

		Votes
(declined)	John Winthrop Esqr. - - - - -	111
	Jonathan Mason Ju^{r}. Esqr. - - -	178

The Choice of Representatives being over it was moved and Voted. That the Town now Come to the Choice of A Moderator by A hand [**164.**] Vote. in order to transact. the other business mentioned in the warrant. —

The Honorable Thomas Dawes Senr. Esqr. was Chosen Moderator accordingly. —

The Representation of the School Committee was read. Whereupon it was moved and Voted, That A Committee be Now Appointed to Prepare A Vote to be laid before the Town conformable to the Representation of said Committee —

Voted that John Coffin Jones Esqr.
George R. Minot Esqr.
Nathl. Appleton Esqr.
be A Committee for the Purpose aforesaid

The Committee appointed by the Town at the meeting the 8th March last to Consider — What is Proper to be done respecting The poor of this Commonwealth. beg Leave to report the following State of Facts. Viz^{t}. —

That by six warrants in favour of the Town dated from 11th. of August 1786 to the 25th June 1789. There is due from the

Commonwealth - - - - - - - - - - - -	11.540 ———
And by Subsequent grants for Supporting the Poor to the 1st March 1789 - - - - -	3.764 ,, 15 ,, 5½
	15.304 ,, 15 ,, 5½

That on the above sum the Commonwealth have allowed no Interest —

That the General Court in their Last Sessions. reduced the weekly rate of Supporting the poor from 8/ to 6/

[**165.**] That the General Court orderd the Last Sum in the above Statement to be paid out of the first monies that were not Appropriated

From the foregoing Statement of Facts your Committee are of Opinion That it would be Advisable for the Town. to Prefer A Memorial or Petition to the Genel Court at their Next Session, Setting forth the hardship of being kept so Long out of their Money —

Praying that Speedy Payment may be made with simple Interest. thereon. And also that the two last accounts may be Allowed. in Which the Town had Charged 8/ ℔r Week. agreeably to the invariable Practice for years past. except when an higher was allowed —

That the Town inform the Honorable General Court. tnat under the Present, embarrassed state of the Town it will be impossible to keep their Poor. unless the accounts are paid Quarterly. —

Your Committee recommend the appointment of A Committee with Powers to treat with a Committee of the General Court. if they should think Proper to appoint one, to Adjust the rate of Boarding the Poor in future, and the manner in Which the Same shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth all which is humbly Submitted —

Nathaniel Appleton ℔ ordr.

The foregoing Report having been read after some debate. Voted That the said report be Accepted [**166.**] And that A Committee be Now chosen to Present A Memorial to the General Court. on the Subject Matter of the report, as also to Confer with their Committee if any Such should be appointed for the said Purpose — also

Voted. that —

The Gentlemen. the Selectmen and —

The Overseers of the Poor —

be a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid —

Mr. James Wheeler Chosen A Hogreave for The Year Ensuing —

The Committee to Consider the representation of the school Committee and to Report what Resolutions are Proper to be taken thereon — Reported — Whereupon. the following Vote was Passed by the Town — Vizt. —

Upon the Report of the School Committee representing that the School houses in the Centre of the Town. are insufficient for the accommodation of the Children of that part of the Town —

Voted. The Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and empowered in the Name of the Inhabitants of the Town. to make sale of the House And Land in Tremont Street Now occupied by Mr. Carter. with the Right of the Town to the Land Adjoining. Now under Lease from the Town. for the most [**167.**] That can be obtained therefore, and to make and Execute A good and Sufficient Deed. or Deeds to Purchaser or Purchasers thereof And that they be and hereby are further impowered to Pull down the Dwelling House in School Street Now Occupied by Master Hunt. and erect on the Lot where the Same Now Stands A School house with two Stories Sufficient to Accommodate the Children of the Centre of the Town, with a reading & Writing School. — The materials of the said House to be Applied as far as they may be Suitable to that Purpose. and that the said Selectmen be and they hereby are Authorized and empowered to Appropriate the Moneys which may Arise from the Sale of the first mentioned House and Land to defray the Expence of building the Said School House — and it is further —

Voted. That untill the said School house can be erected. Faneuil Hall be appropriated. if Necessary, As A Temporary accomodation for the Children usually attending the Center School,

Selectmen Preside

A Letter from John Winthrop Esqr. acquainting the Inhabitants. that he must decline the honor — this day conferred on him in his being Chose A Representative for reasons therein mentioned

A Motion was made And the Question Accordingly put. Vizt. Whether The Town Will Assign A Time for the Choice of A Representative in the room of Mr. Winthrop — Passed in the Negative —

[**168.**] Collo. Daws again in the Chair

The Report of the Committee on Majr. Cooksons Petition Relative to Hog Alley. read and Considered — Whereupon it was

moved and Voted. That the selectmen be directed to take such measures for the removal of the Nuisances Near the Hay market as they shall think Necessary. And that they Apply to Mr. Brimmer and other Abutters. for Subscriptions to Carry the Same into Execution and to Commence Suits or other Measures against Mr. Brimmer and others for not fullfilling their Contracts. When Hog Alley was Shut up or to leave all matters to reference —

Mr. Joseph Whittemore
Was Chose A Culler of Hoops and Staves for the Year ensuing —

Adjourned to Tuesday Next being the 18th. day Instant 3 O'Clock P. M. —

Tuesday the 18th. May 1790 — 3 O'Clock Met according to Adjournment —

Mr. Enoch May
Was Chosen Surveyer of Boards and Shingles for the Year ensuing —

The Town were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for an Overseer of the poor in the room of Mr. Samuel Whitwell

[**169.**] And the Same having been brought in & Sorted it appeared that —

Stephen Goreham Esqr. —
was Chosen an Overseer of the Poor, for the Year Ensuing —

On Motion Voted. That the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto Mr. Samuel Whitwell for his faithful Services as an Overseer of the Poor for A Number of Years Past —

On Motion. Voted That the Town now Proceed. before the Consideration of the Report of the Committee. as to the Sum Necessary to be raised for the Present year. to make Grants to those Servants of the Town whose Salaries have not yet been Voted them

Voted, That Peter Boyer Esqr. be Allowed and Paid. the Sum of One hundred and Twenty Pounds for his Services as Treasurer the Present Year. the same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due, and to Commence the first of March last

Voted, That William Cooper be Allowed and paid the Sum of One hundred and Twenty Pounds for his Services as Town Clerk the Ensuing Year the same to be paid him Quarterly, as it shall become due, and to Commence from the first of March Last. —

[**170.**] Voted. that the Allowance to the Assessors be Six Shillings A Day for the time they may set in doing the business of their Office —

The Committee to Audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer and Examine the Draughts Of the Selectmen, and Overseers. Report —

That the Treasur's accounts are right Cast and well vouched, and find by his account — A ballance (if all received) in favour of the Town £8322 ,, 2 ,, 1¾ Considerable of which is in bad Debts — abatements &c, And as their will be A Considerable sum due, for interest & other Expences, your Committee are of opinion, that it will Require the sum of £6000 — Tax for the Present year, to defray the Expences of the Town, in Addition to the Sum, which the Town will Receive of the Common Wealth

Joseph Russell Jur. ℘r ordr

The foregoing Account having been read and Accepted it was Voted, That the Sum of six Thousand Pounds be Raised by A Tax to be Assessed. on the Polls. and Estates of the inhabitants of this Town to defray the Expences of the Current year —

On Motion Voted, That all matters. unfinished, at this meeting be referred over to the Next General Town meeting to be called —

[**171.**] Extracts from the Will of the Late Doctr Franklin. having been laid before the Town. it was Moved that the selectmen be desired to Call A Meeting of the Town as speedily as may be to take the same into Consideration. —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

[**172.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Legaly Warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the 25th. day of May Anno Domini 1790 —

Warrant for calling the meeting - - - read —

Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr. —
Chosen Moderator by A Hand Vote —

A Letter from Doctr Franklins Executors was laid before the Town by the Selectmen. as also tracts. of the Doctors Will relative to his Donations to the Town of £100 - - - & £1000 — Sterling. and the Same - - having been read and Considered — it was —

Voted, That the Town Do Accept of the said Donations of £100 — & £1000 — Sterling. on the Terms and for the Purposes Expressed in Said Will — on Motion

Voted That A Committee be appointed To take up this matter at Large, and to Report to the Town what further Votes may be Proper to be Passed thereon also —

Voted that the Honble
Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
William Tudor Esqr.
Honble Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Honble Thomas Dawes Ju^r^. Esqr.
Be a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid —

[**173.**] The Article in the Warrant relative To the suits Commenced against the Town by Several of its Creditors — read — Whereupon

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be Directed to call upon the Several Collectors to exert themselves for the Collection of Taxes. in order that the Treasurer may be enabled to discharge the suits that have been Commenced against the Town —

Adjourned to Tuesday Next
3. O'Clock P. M. —

June 1st 3. O Clock P. M. Met According to Adjournment —

The Committee Appointed to take into Consideration what Votes may be proper to be Passed relative to the Donations of the Late celebrated Doctor Benj^a^. Franklin to this Town —

Report, That A fair Copy of the following draft of A Letter to the Executors of the Doct^r^ be made and Signed by the Town Clerk in the Name of the Town and Sent to Said Executors. —

Boston June 1st. 1790

Gentlemen

We the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston. in Town Meeting Assembled. Now transmit to you our Vote of Acceptance of the Two bequests of your testator. The most venerable D^r^. Benjamin Franklin [**174.**] The Many useful designs Projected by that great man, during A Long and Valuable Life. perhaps even more than his exalted Talents as A Patriot, Statesman and Philosopher, must endear his Memory To Americans, While they in A More Particular manner, reflect Honor upon the Town of Boston, which gave him Birth and Education —

Every Step to Carry into full Effect his Benevolent plan, will be Cheerfully Pursued by those Who he was Pleased to Constitute his Trustees, — And rising Generations will for ages. Bless the Name of their illustrous Friend & Benefactor —

We thank you Sir, and the other Gentlemen. for your Early

communication of the Contents of the Will. as far as it relates to us.

We are with the most Perfect Respect Gentlemen Your Most Obedient Servants

In the Name & by order of the Town

Town Clerk

Henry Hill Esqr. and the
other Gentlemen Exec^{rs} to
the Last Will of the Late
Doct^{r}. Franklin —

The Committee further Report that in their opinion the Trustees appointed by the Doctor in and by his Last will and Testament are therein fully Authorized. and impowered to carry his benevolent [**175.**] intentions in said Donations into Execution. without any further Authority from the Town —

Thomas Dawes
Pr. Order —

The aforegoing Report having been read and Considered. The Question was Put — Viz^{t}. Whether the same shall be accepted —

Passed in the Affirmative —

Voted That all matters and things which Remain Unfinished at this Meeting. be Referred Over to the Next General Town Meeting —

Voted that the Thanks of the Town Be and hereby are given to the Honorable Thomas Dawes Esqr. Moderator of this meeting for his Good Services as Moderator in Dispatching the Business of the Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved —

[**176.**] At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and Legaly Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil hall on monday the 5th day of July Anno Domini 1790 —

9. O'Clock A. M.

Warrant for calling the Meeting. read

William Cooper
Was Chosen Moderator by A hand Vote.

The Committee appointed the last year to make Choice of A Gentleman to deliver an Oration on the Anniversary of Indipendence —

Reported
That they had made Choice of Edward Gray Esqr to deliver an Oration this day agreeable to the Late Vote of the Town —

On Motion Voted That the Oration be Deliver'd. at the Old South Church 12 O'Clock. Liberty therefor having been Obtained by the Selectmen —

Voted. That the Gentlemen Selectmen Acquaint M^{r}. Gray with this Vote —

The Meeting Then was adjourned To Meet at the Old South Church at 12 O'Clock This day —

[**177.**] AN ORATION —
to commemorate the Independence of the United States Was delivered by Edward Gray Esqr. At the old South Church. —

Voted, That the Selectmen Be and hereby are appointed A Committee to wait on Edward Gray Esqr. and in the Name of the Town to Thank him for the Spirited elegant Oration this day delivered by him at the request of the Town upon the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States Of America, in which according to the Institution of the Town, He considered the feelings, manners and Principles Which led to that great National Event — and to Request of him A Copy thereof for the Press —

On A Motion — Voted, That the Gentlemen the Selectmen, be and hereby are Appointed, A Committee to apply to Some one Learned and able Gentlemen to Deliver an Oration, On the 4th of July 1791. That day being the Anniversary. of the Independence of the United States Of America; Wherein the Orator is to Consider the feelings, Manner & Principles, which led to this great National Event; as well as the important & happy effects whether General or Domestic. which have already & will forever Continue to flow from that Auspicious Epoch —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

[**178.**] At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of The Town of Boston duly qualified and Legaly Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall On Monday The 26th. day of July A.D. 1790. 9. O'Clock A.M.

Warrant for Calling the Meeting — read

Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Chosen Moderator of this meeting by A hand Vote —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw. and bring in their Votes for A Town Treasurer in the room of Peter Boyer Esqr. lately deceased, the same having been brought in and Sorted, it appeared that no one had A Majority of the Votes —

Several motions were made for Assigning Some future time for the Choice of A Town Treasurer which did not Obtain —

The Inhabitants were then directed To withdraw A Second time, to bring in their Votes for A Town Treasurer. and the Same being brought in Counted and Sorted it appeared that the whole Number Of Votes were 881 — And that —

M^{r}. Joseph Russell —
Was Chosen by A Majority of said Votes — 556. —

[**179.**] The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. To Consider what measures may be Necessary for Settling the Accounts of the Late Town Treasurer — Was read — Whereupon —

Voted. That M^{r}. Herman Brimmer
M^{r}. Henry Prentice
John Coffin Jones Esqr.
Be A Committee to Settle the Late Treasurers Accounts —

The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. To Consider the request of the Collectors Lately chosen That a further Allowance may be made them for their Services — was read — Whereupon —

Voted. That Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Jon^{a} : Mason Senr. Esqr.
Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr.
Be A Committee to Consider said request and to report thereon at the Adjournment —

The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. Whether any Measures shall be taken for Erecting A Building to be Improved as an Hospital for the better accommodation of the Poor of the Almshouse was read — Whereupon voted that
The Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
[**180.**] Be A Committee to consider this matter and Report thereon at the Adjournment of this Meeting —

Messrs. Edward Weld
John Ballard
Thomas Uran
William Cunningham
all sworn
Were Chosen Measurers of Wood for the Town of Boston —

On Motion Voted That it be Left to the Gentlemen the Selectmen to Assign Wards to the Measurers of Wood.

On Motion Voted, That the Committee who reported A Letter to Doct^{r}. Franklins Exec^{rs} have Liberty to make such alterations as to the signing the Same and any Clerical Errors as they shall Judge Proper. —

Adjourned to Thursday Next — being the 29th of July Instant 3. O'Clock P. M. —

Thursday July 29th. 1790. 3 O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment

On Motion Voted, That M^{r}. Joseph Russell who has been Chosen Treasurer of the Town, give Bond Annualy, with sufficient Sureties (in the Penal sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the Present Year) For the Faithful discharge of his Trust —

[**181.**] The Committee to Consider the expediency of erecting an Hospital. reported Verbally — that an Hospital cannot be erected in the Almshouse Yard without great Injury to the Almshouse Whereupon Moved and Voted, That A Committee be Now appointed, to take up this Matter at Large and report at the Adjournment, and that when this Meeting is Adjourned. it shall be to this day Three Weeks — 3. O'Clock P. M. to receive said report. —

Voted. That the Honble Thos. Dawes Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Jonathan Mason Senr. Esqr.
Doct^{r}. David Townsend
Doct^{r}. William Eustis
Thomas Walley Esqr.
John Lucas Esqr.
Be A Committee for the Purpose aforesaid —

Committee to Consider A Report relative to Collectors, informed the Town by their Chairman. Coll^{o}. Crafts that, they were not yet ready to make report. —

Adjourned to this day Three weeks being the 19th. of August Next 3. O'Clock. P.M : —

Thursday the 19th. of August 3. O'Clock P.M. Met according to Adjournment —

The Selectmen having as the Law directs. laid before the Inhabitants Lists of Persons [**182.**] Of good Moral Character, and such as they Judged. well qualified to serve as Jurors — whereupon

Voted. That the Gentlemen the Selectmen, be and hereby are appointed A Committee to receive and act further upon said List of Jurors — according to Law — Memo. reconsidered.

The Committee appointed to Consider the State of the Almshouse — Reported —

1st. That the building now occupied for the Almshouse is too near the Center of the Town, and not sufficiently Large to accommodate the Number of the poor present in the House — previous to the War — the number did not exceed. 150.. or 180.. in the Winter season. nor 100 .. or 120 .. in Summer — There are in the Present month of August between 270 .. & 280 .. in the ensuing Winter it is Probable there will be between 300 .. and 400. —

2d. There is no Ground in the Yard to Admit of any Additional buildings. —

3d. In all infirmaries, poor houses, and hospitals. it is considered an essential provision that separate and detached buildings should be appropriated for the reception and accommodation of such Persons, as are diseased, more especially those whose diseases are infectious — The Almshouse [**183.**] in Boston, is perhaps the only instance known where Persons of every description and disease are lodged under the same roof and in some instances in the same or Contiguous Apartments, by which means the sick are disturbed, by the Noise of the healthy, and the infirm rendered liable to the Vices and diseases of the diseased, and profligate. —

4th. The Present buildings are so Constructed, as not to Admit of a free Ventilation and they are so Old as to require constant repairs

5th The Yard is not Spacious enough to Admit of Sufficient walk for the Patients, while the Air is rendered Noxious, from the Number of Pitts and Vaults, Necessarily made near together, and too Near the Dwelling houses.

The Committee Therefore report as their opinion. that An article be inserted in the Warrant for the Town Meeting in October

next — to Notify the inhabitants. that this subject so important to the Town be taken up and Acted upon at that time —

Thomas Dawes ℘r order

The foreging Report having been read and Considered. The Question was put — Vizt. Whether the same shall be Accepted — it Passed in the Affirmative —

[**184.**] The Committee to Settle the Late treasurer Boyers account — Reported and the same having been read and Considered by the Town it was Voted, That —

Honble. James Sullivan Esqr.
Honble. Thomas Dawes Senr. Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Jonathan Mason Junr. Esqr.
Joseph Barrell Esqr.
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
Honble. Stephen Higginson Esqr.

be A Committee to Examine into the State of the Debts and Credits of the Town, to Enquire into the State of Outstanding Taxes, what Proportion of such Taxes can Probably be Collected, what Measures may be Pursued to enforce A Collection, and what Measures can be best Adopted to relieve the Town from its Present Embarrassments, as well as such as may have a tendency. to Place and hold the Police & Finances of the Town upon a respectable footing — also —

Voted. That the aforementioned Report be handed to the above Named Committee. —

The Committee appointed to Consider the request of the Collectors of Taxes. That a further allowance may be made them for their Services, beg Leave to Report. That they have Attended that business and that it appears to them. that the request is — [**185.**] reasonable, and that four per Cent be allowed the Collectors. upon all they shall Collect upon the outstanding Taxes of 1789. and that five per Cent be Allowed them on all they shall Collect of the Taxes of 1790. not yet Issued, any Vote to the Contrary notwithstanding —

Thomas Crafts ℘r. ordr

The aforegoing report having been read and Considered. The Question was put. — Vizt. Whether the Same shall be accepted. — Passed in the Affirmative. —

Adjourned to Monday Next 9. O'Clock in the forenoon. —

Monday the 23d day of August 9. O'Clock in the forenoon. Met according to Adjournment

The Selectmen having as the Law [requires] laid before the inhabitants. Lists of Persons of good Moral Character, and such as they Judged well Qualified to Serve as Jurors. The Town Proceded To Examine Said List, and Selected one quarter part Of the Number, being such as they Judged best qualified to Serve at the Supreme Judicial Court, and their Names being Written on Separate pieces of Paper were put into one of the Boxes. to be liable to be drawn out to Serve on the Petit Jury at the supreme Judicial Court and the remainder of said List. the Names being Written on Separate paper were put [**186.**] Into the other box Provided by the Selectmen, — To Serve on the Petit Jury at the Court of Common Pleas. and General Sessions of the Peace, all being done in the Town Meeting and Strictly Conformable to an act, Entitled an Act, for regulating the Choice and Services of Petit Jurors. — Passed the 16th June 1784

Voted. That all matters and things Which Remain Unfinished at this meeting be referred Over to the Next General Town Meeting — that may be Called. —

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town, be and hereby are given to the Honorable Thomas Dawes Senr. Esqr. for his good Services — As Moderator —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

[**187.**] At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and Legaly Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 4th day of October Anno Domini 1790. 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Prayer made by the Revd. Mr. West. —

Warrant for Calling the Meeting. — read

Resolve of General Court of Massachusets for Calling this meeting for the Choice of A Representative for Congress; and that part of the Constitution which relates to the Choice of Representatives. — read. —

The Inhabitants were directed to Withdraw, and bring in their Votes for one Person being an Inhabitant of the District of the County of Suffolk, To Represent the People of this Commonwealth, in Congress of the United States Agreeably to A Vote of the General Court of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts. the 18th July last

It was then declared that the Polls would be Closed at one O'Clock. and that the Votes would be reccived at the Table —

Persons. *Voted* for To Represent the People of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts [**188.**] in Congress of the United States being inhabitants of the district of the County of Suffolk with the Number of Votes to each Person — Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Honble. Fisher Ames Esqr. - - - - - - -	1203
Honble Thomas Dawes J^{r}. Esqr. - - - - - -	128
Honble Benjamin Austin Ju^{r}. Esqr. - - - - -	213

The Votes, for A Representative being given in and Declared, it was moved and Voted that the Town Now come to the Choice of A Moderator by A hand Vote, in order to transact the other business Mentioned in the Warrant. —

Thomas Crafts Esqr. —
was Chosen Moderator of the Meeting. —

Then Adjourned to Friday Next 10 O'Clock being the 8th of October Instant —

Town Met according to Adjournment The Meeting being Thin it was moved and Voted that this meeting be further Adjourned to the first Wednesday in November next being the 3^{d}. of said Month at 10. O'Clock A : M : —

November 3^{d}. 1790. At 10 O'Clock A : M : Met according to Adjournment —

Coll- Crafts Moderator being Prevented from giving his Attendance —

[**189.**] The Honorable Caleb Davis Esqr. was Chosen Moderator Pro Tem —

Moved & Voted. That all matters and things which shall remain unfinished at this meeting be referred over to the General Town meeting in March next

M^{r}. Hills Memorial was read. when it was moved and Voted. that the same be referred to A Committee for consideration. — also. —

Voted, that the Committee relative to the Towns Finances, be A Committee for s^{d}. Petition to Report at March Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

[**190.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Legally Warned in

Public Town Meeting. Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 14th day of March Anno Domini 1791 — 10. O'Clock. A : M : —

Prayer was made by the Revd. Peter Thatcher

Warrant for calling the Meeting, read

Sundry Laws. to be read at this Meeting, were accordingly - - - - read —

The Inhabitants were directed to Withdraw. and to bring in their Votes for A Moderator of this Meeting, and the same having been brought in and sorted it appeared

That the Honorable Thomas Dawes Esqr. was Chosen —

The Inhabitants then were directed To withdraw and bring in their Votes for A Town Clerk, and the Same having been brought in and Sorted it appeared, that —

William Cooper was Chosen Town Clerk for the Year ensuing and the Oath was Administered to him by Thomas Crafts Esqr. —

[**191.**] The Town having determined by A Vote to Choose Nine Selectmen, The Inhabitants Were directed to Withdraw and bring in their Votes for that Number and upon Sorting them it appeared that the following Gentlemen — Vizt.

Harbottle Dorr Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
Deacon Wm Boardman
Ebenezer Sever —
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Thomas Edwards Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Peirce —

Were Chosen Selectmen for the Year Ensuing —

Twelve O'Clock Assigned for the Choice of A County Register. Poll to be Closed ½ past one O'Clock.

Three. O'Clock Assigned for the Choice Of County Register. Poll to be Closed at 4. O'Clock —

The Report of the Committee relative to the Almshouse — read — Whereupon —

Voted. that this report be recommitted. and said Committee are desired to Report at large. at the Adjournment of this Meeting

[**192.**] also Voted. That it be inserted in the News Papers that such report (if the Committee are ready) will then be Considered, and acted upon at the Adjournment. —

Voted, That the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed A Committee to Count the Votes that shall be brought in for A County register —

VOTES, for A Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, brought in and Counted by the Selectmen (A Committee Chosen for the Purpose) when it appeared that the whole Number was one Thousand one hundred and Nineteen, and that they were for the following Persons. — Viz^{t}. —

	Votes
Joshua Henshaw Esqr. - - - - - - -	342
Samuel Barrett Esqr. - - - - - - -	335
Samuel Ruggles Esqr. - - - - - - -	146
M^{r}. Henry Alline - - - - - - - -	199
M^{r}. Elkanah Hawkes - - - - - - -	96
Samuel Quincy Esqr. - - - - - - -	1
	1119

All the above being discreet suitable persons and Freeholders and Residents In the same County —

Att. William Cooper Town Clerk — Mem^{o}. An Attested Copy hereof was given To Ezekiel Price Esqr. Clerk of the Sessions. —

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P : M : —

[**193.**] Three O'Clock P : M : Town met

VOTES. for a Treasurer for the County of Suffolk, brought in. and Counted. by the Moderator and Town Clerk, when it appeared. that the whole number was. Three hundred and Ninety four, and that they were all for Thomas Crafts Esqr. a discreet suitable Person, being a Free-holder, and Resident in the Same County —

Mem^{o}. The Attested Copy hereof was given to Ezekiel Price Esqr. Clerk of the Sessions. —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw, and bring in their Votes. for Twelve Overseers Of the Poor, and the same being brought in & Sorted It appeared — That —

Jonathan Mason Esqr.
John White Esqr.
Edward Procter Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.

Jonathan L. Austin Esqr.
Samuel Parkman Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Edes
Henry Hill Esqr.
John Codman Junr. Esqr.
M^{r}. William Smith
William Phillips Junr Esqr.
Stephen Goreham Esqr.

Were chosen Overseers of the Poor for the year Ensuing Unanimously —

[**194.**] M^{r}. Joseph Russell —

was Chosen Town Treasurer for the Year ensuing and the Oath of Office Administred to him by the Town Clerk. —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw, and bring in their Votes, for Sixteen Firewards, and the same brought in and sorted it Appeared That —

The Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.
M^{r}. Thomas Tyleston
John Winthrop Esqr.
Thomas Melvil Esqr.
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Samuel Breck Esqr.
M^{r}. Jacob Rhodes
M^{r}. Joseph Clark
Hon. Thomas Russell Esqr.
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Edes
Samuel Parkman Esqr.
Jonathan Mason Ju^{r}. Esqr.
Amasa Davis Esqr.
M^{r}. Russell Sturgis
Henry Jackson Esqr.

Were Chosen Firewards for the year Ensuing —

Moved and Voted That a Committee be appointed to take into Consideration the State of The Market at Large and report thereon at the Adjournment. [**195.**]. Voted, That

The Hon^{o}. Caleb Davis Esqr.
William Tudor Esqr.
John Lucas Esqr.
M^{r}. Elisha Sigorney
Capt. James Prince

Be A Committee for the purpose. —

Moved & Voted, That the Choice of a Clerk for Faneuil Hall Market be referred to the Adjournment. —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. to Choose A School Committee, read On Motion —

Voted, That in Addition to the Selectmen Twelve Persons shall now be chosen, and the following Gentlemen were accordingly Chosen by Ballot - - - Viz^{t}.

Hon^{o} Thomas Dawes Senr. Esqr.
Rev^{d}. Samuel West
Rev^{d}. John Lothrop D. D.
Rev^{d}. James Freeman
John Coffin Jones Esqr.
D^{r}. Thomas Welch
D^{r}. Nathaniel W. Appleton
Jonathan Mason Ju^{r}. Esqr.
Aaron Dexter Esqr.
Christopher Gore Esqr.
George R. Minot Esqr.
William Tudor Esqr.

[**196.**] Also. Voted, That the aforegoing Committee who Conjunctly are to be termed the SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Be and hereby are directed To Carry the *New System of Education* which has been Adopted by the Town into operation, and said Committee are also Authorized and impowered Conjunctly to manage and regulate the affairs and Government of the Schools, and in future to Exercise all the Powers relating to the Schools and Schoolmasters which the Selectmen or such Committees are Authorized by the Laws of the Commonwealth Or the Votes of this Town to Exercise, any former Votes of the Town Notwithstanding —

Harbottle Dorr Esqr. having declined Serving as A Selectman. into which Office He had been again Chosen —

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town, be and hereby are given to Harbottle Dorr Esqr. for his good and faithful services as a selectman for Twelve years past. —

Coll- Hatch. having also, resigned As A Selectman, received the Thanks of the Town for his good. and faithful Services in that office for A Number of Years past. —

[**197.**] On Motion Voted. That the Town Treasurer give Bond with Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen. in the Penal sum of Ten Thousand Pounds. for his faithful discharge of the duties of his Office. —

The Article in the Warrant relative to Doctor Franklins donations. — read and the Consideration of that matter is referred to the Adjournment.

Voted. That the Assessors be and hereby are directed and empowered to Set for such abatements of Taxes as they shall Judge reasonable, two days in Each week. after the delivery of

the Tax books to the Collectors, for the Space of Six Weeks; and no Longer. Saving that they be Allowed to Set the Last Week in February, Lords day Excepted, for the abatement of the Taxes of such Persons. as had not the opportunity of applying in the aboue Limited time by reason of their being out of the Commonwealth. or other unavoidable hindrance. and that the Assessors determine upon the Said Two days. which is to be Noted on the Tax bills, to be delivered to the inhabitants —

[**198.**] The Votes, being brought in for Five Assessors, it appeared that

Giles Harris Esqr.
M^{r}. William Lowder
Samuel Ruggles Esqr.
M^{r}. John R. Sigorney
M^{r}. Edward Davis

were Chose Assessors for the year ensuing —

Messrs. James Morrel
William Shaw
Zach^{a}. Hicks
Lewis Carnes
Thomas Clark
Daniel Greenleaf
Samuel Snelling
Samuel Bradley
Joseph Woodward
James Green
Thomas Rogers
William Coolidge

were Chosen Clerks of the Market for the Year ensuing

Voted That the Hon^{o} Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Herman Brimmer Esqr.
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.

be and hereby are appointed A Committee to Audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer and also the [**199.**] Accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, And said Committee are also directed to report the Sum Necessary to be raised for the service of the Present year. —

Voted, That the Consideration of all money matters be referred over to the Next May Meeting. —

The Petition, relative to Hackney Coaches. Whereupon Voted,
That Perez Morton Esqr.
M^{r}. Benjamin Russell
Coll- Craft
Maj- Cobbet
Mr. Edward Davis

be A Committee on said Petition to Report at the Adjournment.

Adjourned. to Tuesday Morning 9. O.Clock A : M :

Tuesday the 15th. March Instant 9. O'Clock. Met according to Adjournment. —

Messrs. Benjamin White
Samuel Dyer
William Crafts
Andrew Townsend Jur.
William Todd
Were Chose Fence Viewers for the year ensuing —

[200.] Messrs. William Billings
Thomas Bradley
Jacob Holland
Nathan Green
were Chose sealers of Leather for the year Ensuing —

The Selectmen were Chosen Surveyors of high ways for the Year Ensuing. —

Messrs. William McNeil
Jeffery Richardson
were chose surveyors of Hemp for the year Ensuing

Mr. Adam Colson
was chose an informer of Deer. for the year Ensuing —

Messrs. George Hamlin
Francis Booth
James Wheeler
were chose Haywards for the Ensuing Year —

Messrs. Geoıge Hamlin
Francis Booth
were chose Hogreeves for the year Ensuing —

John Lucas Esqr.
Edward Tuckerman Esqr.
were chose Surveyors of Wheat for the year Ensuing —

Messrs : Thomas Green
John Skinner

were Chose Assay masters for the year ensuing —

[201.] Messrs : John Ballard
Thomas Uran
William Cunningham
Edward Welds
were chose sealers of Wood for the year ensuing

Mr. Joseph Peirce declines
Serving as A Selectman, Moved and —

Voted. That the Choice of Three Selectmen in the room of those who have declined Serving be referred over to the Adjournment —

Voted. That five per Cent be and hereby is allowed to the Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing. for all such Sums of Money and Public Securities as they shall Collect, and Pay into the Several Treasuries. of the Sums Committed to them to Collect; Also that such Collectors shall give Bond with Sufficient Sureties. to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of their Duty in Said Office, and Complying with this Vote — and that they will not receive any Premium or Gratuity for discounting any orders, Notes or receipts. from the Treasurer of this State. or The Treasurer of this Town,

Messrs: Benja. Henderson
James Thompson
Thomas Bayley
Charles Williams

[**202.**] Were Chose Collectors of Taxes for the year ensuing

The Assessors Return of the State of Collectors debts. being Previously read —

moved & Voted. That the Choice of Surveyors of Boards be referred to the Adjournment As also those of Collectors of Staves; and that the Choice of those officers shall Commence at 12. O'Clock A : M. —

The Inhabitants as directed Brought in their Votes for 12 Constables. When It Appeared That —

Messrs: Shubael Hewes
Samuel Whitney
Benjamin Homans
John Bosson
John Cades
John Butterfield
James Perkins
Henry Crumston
Abner Rumrill
Edward Wentworth
Andrew Townsend
Samuel White

Were chose Constables, for the Ensuing Year —

Adjourned to Wednesday The 30th. of March Instant 10. O'Clock A : M : —

[**203.**] Wednesday 10. O'Clock A:M: Met according to Adjournment - - - - - - - - -

M^r^. Charles Williams Chosen a Collector of Taxes having declined the present year —

on Motion. Voted, That the Choice of another Collector be referred over to May Meeting

The Inhabitants having brought in their Votes for Three Selectmen and the Votes being counted. It appeared that the following Gentlemen vizt.

M^r^. Samuel Salisbury
M^r^. William Little
M^r^. Samuel Cabot

were Chosen Selectmen in place of the Three Gentlemen, who had declined Serving. —

M^r^. Jacob Rhodes having excused himself from Serving as A fireward the Present Year Ensuing — Voted That thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto M^r^. Jacob Rhodes for his faithful Services as A Fireward for A Number of Years Past. —

The Votes being brought and Counted. it appeared M^r^. Samuel Whitwell — was Chosen A Fireward for the Ensuing Year. —

Messrs. Daniel Austin
Arnold Wells Junr.

Were Chose Clerks of the market for the ensuing year

[**204.**] The Committee appointed to Consider the State of the Market and what Measures would be most Advisable for the Town to Adopt respecting the same —

Report, That it is expedient that all the Stalls without the House be Marked and Numbered, and that the Selectmen Affix A Monthly Price to Each, as well as to any future ones that may be established. That the Selectmen immediately publish Proposals for farming out the whole Of the Market. the Stalls within the House Excepted, in the Centinel for Three Weeks Successively to the highest bidder being an inhabitant of this town, who shall deliver in his terms in writing to the Selectmen for one Year from the time of executing the Contract. and on The following Conditions. —

1st. To Give bond with sufficient Security to the acceptance of the Selectmen for fullfilment of his Contract

2^d^. The Rent to be paid Quarterly. —

3^d^. To Observe Such regulations and Directions of the Select-

men, as they shall Establish from time to time During the Existence of the Lease respecting Transient Persons, Selling Meat & Vegetables —

[**205.**] 4th. In no Case to demand more from the Holders of the Stalls than the price affixed upon them by the Selectmen at the time of making the Contract. —

5th. That all Dirt shall be removed from all parts of the Market. Every day before Nine O'Clock at Night. The Contractor to have the sole right to the same. —

6th. The Contractor to Engage as far as lies within his Power to Prevent all forestalling

7th. That the Contractor shall Constantly keep in some suitable Place where the Selectmen shall direct A standard of Weights and Measures for the Accommodation of the Inhabitants of the Town Sufficient to weigh to the amount of Fifty Pounds Also That the Selectmen or a Major Part of Them, be and they hereby are Authorized to Prosecute for all breaches of the Condition of the Bond. mentioned in this Report. and are authorized to appear in all Courts of Law to represent the Town on any Suits they may think Necessary to institute thereon And are also Authorized to dispense with all breaches of the Condition of said Bonds. as shall in their discretion be entitled to that indulgence — was read and Considered —

[**206.**] Whereupon the Question was put — Vizt. Whether this report as now Amended be received And Accepted by the Town — Passed in the Affirmative

The Committee directed by the Town at A former Meeting of the Inhabitants to take into Consideration the expediency of providing A more Suitable Place for the reception and Convenience of the Poor — Have diligently Attended to this service together with A Proposition of A respectable Citizen upon the Same Subject beg Leave to Submit the following report. —

They are Unanimously of Opinion from the Number of Sick and others, who, of Late, have been provided for in the Almshouse, as well as from its Situation which your Committee Conceive is very ineligible, that it must be soon expedient if not indispensably requisite, to Procure other buildings for their better accommodation; but, your Committee think at the Same time, that the Completion of this business must be deferred to A future meeting, as the measures hitherto Proposed for this Purpose imply A Necessity for an Additional debt on the Town, Or an augmentation of Taxes, Neither of which your Committee can recommend. —

[**207.**] In Addition to these reasons for delay, they have thought proper to mention another circumstance to the Town which has had no little influence in deciding their Sentiments on this Point

The Inhabitants well know that all the standing Laws of the Government arising from that Spirit of humanity which has invariably directed our public proceedings on this Subject, all strangers — destitute of the means of Support have been hitherto Maintained at the Expence of the Commonwealth in the same manner with the Poor of the Towns, who by every tie of birth and consanguinity are entitled to our Aid and benevolence —

The propriety of this Practise has been Confirmed by immemorial usage in this Government. but an opinion having arisen that the Support of those who are distinguished as the Poor of the State. might be rendered Less expensive by A new arrangement, A Scheme has been Projected to have this Concern referred to the care of Individuals, which has been always Committed to Bodies Corporate in this Country from its earliest settlement to the present moment. This business on its examination has determined your Committee to Suggest to the Town [**208.**] The Propriety of having it Conducted in future on New Principles — in order to this they recommend the Choosing A Committee to be Specially impowered to Negotiate and Conclude A Contract with the Government for the Support of the Poor of the State for a given time — The final Adjustment of this business with the Government must have A great influence in directing the Sense of the Town On the Subject under their Present Consideration; As it must be Obvious that the Poor of the State are to be removed from this Town. The Necessity of Erecting New buildings would be less urgent than at Present — But if they are to be Continued by Virtue of A Contract with the Government This must operate as A Strong Motive to Carry the Plan of Erecting another House into a speedy Effect. — Perhaps A Sale of the Present Almshouse, Workhouse. & Granary together with such Donations as might be made by the opulent Citizens. would lessen the burthen Necessary to be Laid on the Town when this business shall require immediate Execution. —

The Committee ask leave to Sit again, That if Practicable, further measures may be devised [**209.**] To facilitate the accomplishment of this object and they beg leave to observe that they are fully impressed with a due sense of the purity of the motive which Originated the Proposal referred to in the former part of this report, Although they cannot recommend it to the Town for their acceptance —

all which is submitted,

Thomas Dawes ℘ ord^r.

The foregoing report having been Considered. The Question

was put whether the same shall be Accepted — Passed in the Affirmative

The Committee relative to Hackney Coaches. — Reported, whereupon Moved that the further Consideration of this report be referred to May Meeting

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock P : M :

3 O'Clock P : M :
Met according to Adjournment

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for one selectman and the same being brought in & Counted it appeared that Mr. Charles Bulfinch was Chosen Unanimously —

[**210.**] The Votes being brought in for one Constable. it appeared that
Mr. Nathaniel Henchman was Chosen A Constable for the Year Ensuing —

On Motion Voted to Consider the Vote for Choosing Twelve Cullers of Staves

The Votes brought in for 12 Surveyors of Boards and Shingles it appeared that only Ten were Chosen — Vizt.

Messrs. John Champney
Samuel Dyer
Benjamin Page
James Rogers
Abraham Hayward
Benjamin White
Daniel Ingersol Junr.
James Blake
James Robins
Hopestill Capen
Were Chosen Surveyors of Boards for the Year Ensuing —

Voted That the Choice of the other two, be referred to May Meeting —

[**211.**] The Votes being brought in for 14 Cullers of Staves and Hoops it appeared that the 13 following Persons — Vizt.
Messrs. Henry Purket
Joseph Loring
William Parkman
James Barry
Arthur Langford
Edward Burt
Edmund Dolbear

Joseph Basset
David Marston
Thomas Barber
Isaac Smith
Thomas Foster
Jonathan Cushing
Were Chosen Cullers of Hoops and Staves for the Year Ensuing —

The Votes being brought in for A Collector of Taxes it appeared that

Mr. Caleb Blanchard
was Chosen A Collector of Taxes — for the Year Ensuing —

Article relative to Doctr. Franklins donation read. On Motion, Voted that the further Consideration — Subside. —

[212.] Voted, that all matters and things Unfinished be referred over to May Meeting —

Voted that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given unto the Honorable Thomas Dawes Esqr. Moderator for his good Services, in forwarding the business of the Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

[213.] At, A Meeting of the male inhabitants of the Town of Boston of Twenty one years of age, and appeared qualified as the Constitution prescribes legally warned in public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 4th day of April Anno Domini 1791. —

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Reverend Mr. Clark —

Warrant for calling the meeting read

Paragraphs of the Constitution or frame of Government, relative to the choice of Governor Lieut. Governor and Senators - - - - read

It was declared by the Selectmen That no Vote would be received but such as are unfolded, and that they purpose the Poll should be Closed at half past 12 O'Clock and the Votes received at the Table —

It was Ordered by the Selectmen, that the Bell be tolled at 12. O'Clock. —

[214.] Persons Voted for as Governor wth The Number of Votes for Each Person - - - - - - - Viz^t.

	Votes
His Excellency John Hancock Esqr. - - - - - -	543
Honorable Francis Dana Esqr. - - - - - -	80
Honble Samuel Adams Esqr. - - - - - - -	1
Honble Thomas Russell Esqr. - - - - - - -	1
Honble Azor Orne Esqr. - - - - - - - -	1
M^r. Andrew Oliver - - - - - - - - - -	1
M^r. Christopher Clark - - - - - - - - -	1

Persons Voted for as Lieu^t. Governor — with the number of Votes for each Person - - - Viz^t.

	Votes
His Honor Samuel Adams Esqr. - - - - - -	540
Honble. Samuel Phillips Esqr. - - - - - -	26
Honble. Thos. Russell Esqr. - - - - - - -	57
Honble. Elbridge Gerry Esqr. - - - - - - -	1
Honble. Azor Orne Esqr. - - - - - - - -	3
M^r. John Kneeland - - - - - - - - - -	2

Persons Voted for as Senators for the County of Suffolk with the Number of Votes for Each person - - - - - - - - Viz^t.

	Votes
Honble. William Phillips Esqr. - - - - - -	621
Honble. Cotton Tufts Esqr. - - - - - - -	630
Honble. Stephen Metcalf Esqr. - - - - - -	625
Honble. Thomas Dawes, Esqr. - - - - - -	627
Honble. Benjamin Austin, Ju^r. Esqr. - - -	469
[215.] Honorable William Heath Esqr. - - - - - -	469
James Bowdoin Esqr. - - - - -	156
Jonathan Mason Esqr. - - - - -	151
Honble. Richard Cranch Esqr. - - - - - -	2
Honble. Thomas Russell Esqr. - - - - - -	26
Honble. Step^n. Higginson Esqr. - - - - - -	2
Honble. Caleb Davis - - Esqr. - - - - - -	1
John Read Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	3
Charles Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - - -	3
Ebenezer Thayer Ju^r. Esqr. - - - - -	1

Attested Copies of Persons Voted for as Governor, Lieu^t Governor, and Senators for the County of Suffolk were Committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth and the Inclosures sealed Up in Town Meeting, Superscribed as follows - - - - Viz^t.

For John Avery Esqr.
Secretary for the Commonwealth
Of Massachusetts —

The Number of *Votes*, for The Town of Boston for a GOVER-

NOR, Lieu^{t}. *Governor*, and Six *Senators* for the County of Suffolk, Certified with and Sealed up in Town Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

[**216.**] At A meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally Warned in Public Town Meeting, Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the 10th day of May Anno Domini 1791 — 10 O'Clock A : M : —

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Eliot —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

That part of the Constitution, or frame of Goverment which relates to the Choice of representatives - - - - - - - read

Sundry Laws to be read at Said meeting — were accordingly - - - - - - - - - - - - - - read

The Town having determined to choose seven persons to represent them in the General Court of Massachusetts to be held in the state House — in Boston on the last Wednesday of May Current Agreeably to the Constitution or frame of Goverment for the Massachusets — The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Seven Representatives. And then it was declared [**217.**] By the Selectmen. That no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded. and that they intend the Poll shall be Closed at half past 12. O'Clock. — Bell to toll A little before that time.

The Votes being brought in for Seven Representatives. The Number of the same were found to be four hundred and Seventy Nine, and upon sorting them it appeared that the following Gentlemen were Chosen by A Majority of Votes - - - - - Viz^{t}.

	Votes
William Tudor Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	348
Charles Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	478
Samuel Breck Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	473
Jonathan Mason Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	472
John Coffin Jones Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	471
William Eustis Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	472
Jonathan Mason Ju^{r}. Esqr. - - - - - - - -	472

The Choice of Representatives being Over it was Moved and Voted. that the Town Now Come to the Choice of a Moderator

by A hand Vote in order to transact the other business mentioned in the Warrant. —

The Honorable Thomas Dawes Esqr. was Chosen Moderator accordingly —

[**218.**] On Motion Voted That 3. O'Clock P : M : be Assigned for the Choice of County Register — and that the Poll be Closed at 5. O'Clock

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P : M :

3 O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment —

Messrs. Joshua Bently
Edward Ranger
were Chosen Surveyors of Boards the Year Ensuing —

Voted, that the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed A Committee to Count the Votes That shall be brought in for A County Register —

Votes for A Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk. brought in and Counted by the Selectmen. (A Committee chosen for that Purpose) When it appeared that the whole Number was Eight hundred and Thirty four. and that they were for the following Persons - - - - - - - - - - - - Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Joshua Henshaw Esqr. - - - - - - - -	151
Samuel Barrett Esqr. - - - - - - - - -	185
Samuel Ruggles Esq. - - - - - - - - -	113
M^{r}. Henry Alline - - - - - - - - - -	385

The above being discreet suitable Persons and freeholders and Residents in said County —

Attest William Cooper Town Clerk

[**219.**] Memorandum. An Attested Copy hereof was given to Ezekiel Price Esqr. Clerk of the Sessions directed as follows. — Boston, Number of Votes for A Register of Deeds. —

The Committee appointed to Audit the accounts of the Town Treasury and Examine the draughts of the Selectmen & Overseers — Report

That the Treasurers Accompts are right cast and well Vouched and we find by the acco^{ts} Now rendered A balance in favour of the Town £9119 ,, 17 ,, 11½ The General State of the Treasury is as follows - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Viz^{t}. - - D^{r}.

Due to the Town from Several Collectors March 1st. 1791

Charles Williams for 1789 Tax - - - - - -			£1944 ,, 12 ,, 4½
D°. 1790 - - - - - - - - -			1433 ,, — ,, 8½
			3377 ,, 13 ,, 1
James Thompson for 1789 Tax - -	819 ,, 12 ,, 10		
1790 d°. - -	1587 ,, 5 ,, 11¼		
			2406 ,, 18 ,, 9¾
Thomas Bayley - - 1789 - - - -	614 ,, 6 ,, 4¼		
1790 - - - -	1421 ,, 19 ,, ¾		
			2063 ,, 6 ,, 1.
Benjamn. Henderson 1789 - - - -	329 ,, 10 ,, 2¼		
1790 - - - -	1536 ,, 11 ,, 7		
			1866 ,, 1 ,, 9¼
From the Commonwealth - - - - - - - - - - - -			10503 ,, 2 ,, 8
Town Powder - - - - - - - - -	£312 ,, 11 ,, 8		
Several Small Notes - - - - - - - - - - - - - -			35 ,, 10 ,, 8
			£20252 ,, 13 ,, 1

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Sum brought over		£20252 ,, 13 ,, 1
Sundry balances from A Number of People out of which the Committee Think £1300 - - bad - -		1716 ,, 14 ,, 4½
From Several Persons for Rents - - - - - - - - -		317 ,, 2 ,, 9
Estate of David Jeffries - - - - - - - - - - - - -		30 ,,
Old Paper Money funded - - - - - - - - - - - -		411 ,, 1 ,, 8
Cash in the Treasury - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		189 ,, 16 ,, 3
		£22917 ,, 8 ,, 1½
Due from the Town as follows - - - Vizt.		
Sundry Small balances - - -	£393 ,, 19 ,, 7¾	
To the Estate of Saml. Partridge	710 ,, 14 ,, 9½	
Matthew Nazro - - - - -	168 ,, 8 ,, 3½	
Samuel Whitwell - - - -	37 ,, 7 ,, 6½	
Due on Selectmens drafts - - -	478 ,, 9 ,, 5	
Overseers - - - - - - - -	78 ,, 9 ,, 10½	
William Cooper - - - - -	54 ,, 15 ,, 9	
John Vinal - - - - - - -	176 ,, 15 ,, 3¾	
Notes on Interest - - - - -	12532 ,, 4 ,, 4½	
Interest due to March Compounded	2118 ,, 10 ,, 10	
		£16749 ,, 15 ,, 10
Probable deductions. Vizt.		
Suppose bad Debts - - - - - -	£1300 ,, ——	
part of Rents - - - - - - - -	150 ,, ——	
abatemts. on Tax 1790 - - - - -	900 ,, ——	
Collectrs. & Assessors pay - - -	700 ,, —— - -	3050 ,, ——
		19799 ,, 15 ,, 10
Balance - - - -		3117 ,, 12 ,, 3½

[221.] Your Committee having Examined the State of Town Treasury find A balance in favour of the Town on the first day of March last of £3117 ,, 12 ,, 3½ Provided all the Outstanding taxes are paid, and the other debtors of the Town pay their balances due. Your Committee beg Leave further to Report. that the Annual draught of the Overseers and Selectmen for Several Years past have been £7000 — And that the Present Year there

are Several New Peices of Pavements, And A New School house Petitioned for, which if Completed will make the Current expences exceed the former sum, And as the Taxes from the Collectors cannot be Collected for Sometime, and the Last year having Proved to the Town The Necessity of having money in the Treasury (as all the Towns expences by having Money to pay on demand are made at Twenty five per Cent less then they have heretofore been on Credit) Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the Town will make A Saving by raising A Tax of Ten thousand Pounds. which will enable the Town to pay their Notes, and Prevent not only Compound interest which they have long been subject to. but put them out of debt and enable them to go to Market, with ready money —

Thomas Dawes ℘ order

[222.] The aforegoing Report having been read and considered, The Town came into the following resolutions - - - Viz^{t}.

Whereas at A Legal Town Meeting the 10th March 1783. The following Vote was Passed - - - Viz^{t}.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be impowered and directed to allow the Several Creditors of the Town, who have lent money to the Town, Interest and Compound Interest on the Moneys Lent —

And it being found very detrimental to the Interest of the Town that the said Vote should continue any longer in force —

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be and he is hereby Authorized and directed to pay £2118 ,, 10 ,, 10 Out of the moneys arising from the Warrant in his hands On the Treasurer of the Commonwealth to the Several Creditors who shall receive Interest & Compound Interest from March 10th. 1783 to March 1st 1791 —

Voted, That from and after the first day of march 1791. Compound Interest shall cease to be allowed the Creditors of The Town. —

[223.] And Whereas it further appears that the Sum of £12532 ,, 4 ,, 4½ principal will remain due to the Several Creditors who are Possessed of Due bills from the Late and Present Treasurer, and there being A balance of £1381 ,, 9 ,, 2. from the Warrant on the State Treasurer *after* the said sum of £2118 ,, 10 ,, 6 is paid for Interest and Compound Interest on the Principal aforesaid, Also the Sum of £10000 — being in the hands of the Town Treasurer which he has received from the *State Treasury* for the Support of the State poor. carrying Interest from Jan^{ry}. 1st. 1791. Which is to be paid by Instalments from all the Taxes due to the Commonwealth prior to Tax N°. 8. not

appropriated agreeable to A resolve of the General Court passed February 21st. 1791. These two Sums with the further Sum of £1250 ,, 15 ,, 2½ which it is presumed will be immediately Collected from the 1789 Tax will be sufficient to discharge the aforesaid Debts of £12532 ,, 4 ,, 4½ thereof — Voted, That the balance of £1381 ,, 9 ,, 2 and the £10000 — in Treasury Notes and the further sum of £1250 ,, 15 ,, 2½ aforementioned be and hereby is appropriated to discharge the said debt of £12532 ,, 4 ,, 4½ and the Treasurer is hereby directed to govern himself Accordingly, and upon no Occasion or demand [**224.**] Whatsoever to Apply any part of the Sum so appropriated to any other Purpose — also

Voted, That the Treasurer be, & he is hereby Authorised and directed to pay to the Creditors by Instalments as he receives the Moneys due from the State in Proportion to their Several demands — Provided however, that if any of the Creditors of the Town be desirous of receiving the *State Treasurers Notes* on Interest in the hands of the Town Treasurer in Payment for their *Notes or due bills*, or parts of them bearing Interest, he is hereby Authorised to pay the Same in sd. notes

Voted, That the Sum of Eight Thousand Pounds, be raised by A Tax to be Assessed on the Polls. and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to defray the Expences of the Current Year —

Adjourned to Morrow 10. O'Clock A : M :

Wednesday the 11th. May. 10. O'Clock Met According to Adjournment

[**225.**] The Article in the Warrant - - - - - - Vizt. To Choose and Authorise A Committee to Contract with the General Court for the Support of the State's Poor read and Considered — Whereupon —

Voted, That. Jonathan Mason Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
William Eustis Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.

Be and hereby are appointed A Committee fully Authorised and impowered to Contract in behalf of the Inhabitants with the General Court for the Support of the States Poor, for such A Term and in such A manner as they shall think meet —

Voted, that the Town Treasurer once in Every Month lay before the Selectmen the Several Sums of Money which he has received from the Collectors Individually and the Expenditures

of the said Monies in order that the Selectmen may more readily be Acquainted with the money matters of the Town —

[226.] Voted, That the Town Treasurer be and hereby is Authorized upon any extraordinary emergency to borrow on the Credit of the Town any Sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds Allowing Lawfull Interest for the Same, the Sum So borrowed to be repaid as soon as may be from the Tax of 1790

Upon A Petition of A Number of Inhabitants of this Town. Setting forth the Necessity of A New School being Erected at the North part of the Town —

Voted, that the Prayer of said Petition be Complied with. and that the School Committee be Authorised & desired to Cause A New School house to be Erected of such dimensions and in Such manner as will in their Judgement, with the Least Expence to the Town, best Answer the Views of the Petitioners. —

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be Directed to retain the Six per Cent & Three per Cent funded Certificates in hand the Property of the Town Unless he can discharge any of the Towns Debts bearing Interest. at the rates of Twenty Shillings on the Pound for the Six per Cent. and ten Shillings for the Three per Cent, inclusive with the Interest due upon them

Adjourned to 4. O'Clock P : M :

[227.] 3. O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment

Voted, That, Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Hon^{o}. Step^{n}. Higginson Esqr.
Thomas Edwards Esqr.
M^{r}. Charles Bulfinch
Be A Committee to devise A Plan to facilitate and Secure the Punctual Collections of the Taxes of this Town and to Report to the Town at the Next meeting

The Inhabitants as directed brought in their Votes for Three Cullers of Dry Fish — When it appeared. That
M^{r}. John McFarland
Cap^{tn}. Roger Bartlet
Cap^{tn}. Joseph Doble
Were Chosen Cullers of Dry fish the year Ensuing

Committee on the Petition of M^{r}. Allexander Hill, Reported. and the meeting being thin

Voted that the Consideration thereof be referred to the Next

General Town Meeting, and to be inserted the first Article in the Warrant for calling the same. —

[228.] Voted, That all matters and things Which remain Unfinished be referred over to the Next General Town Meeting that may be Called —

Voted, Thanks of the Town be given to The Honorable Thomas Dawes Moderator for his good Services in dispatching the business of the Meeting

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

[229.] At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Legaly Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 4th day of July Anno Domini 1791 9. O'Clock A : M :

Warrant for calling the Meeting - - - read

William Cooper
was Chosen Moderator by A hand Vote

The Committee Appointed the Last year to make Choice of A Gentleman to deliver an Oration On the Anniversary of Independence —

Reported, That they had made Choice of Thomas Crafts Esqr. to deliver an Oration this day Agreeable to A Late Vote of the Town —

On Motion Voted That the Oration be delivered at the Old Brick Church 12. O'Clock Liberty having been Obtained, therefor —

Voted That the Gentlemen Selectmen Acquaint Mr. Craft with this Vote. —

The Meeting was then Adjourned to meet at the Old Brick Church at 12, O'Clock this day —

[230.] AN ORATION
To Commemorate the Independence of the United States was delivered by Thomas Crafts Esqr. at the old Brick Church — On Motion —

Voted, That the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed A Committee to Wait on Thoms. Crafts Junr. Esqr. and in the name of the Town to thank him for the Spirited & Elegant Oration this day delivd. by him at the request of the Town. upon

the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America, in Which According to the Institution of the Town he considered the feelings. manners and Principles Which led to that great National Event — and to Request of him A Copy thereof for the Press —

On motion Voted, That the Gentlemen the Selectmen. Be and hereby are appointed A Committee To Apply to some one learned and able Gentleman to Deliver an *Oration* on the 4th of July Anno Domi 1792 That day being the Anniversary of the *Independence of* the United States of America; Wherein the Orator is to consider the feelings, manners and Principles — Which led to this great national event; [**231.**] as well as the Important and happy Effects. whether General or Domestic which have already. and will forever continue to flow from that auspicious Epoch. —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in Public Town Meeting. Assembled at Faneuil Hall On Wednesday the 13th day Anno Domini 1791. 10. O'Clock A : M :

Warrant for calling the meeting - - - read

The Honorable Thomas Dawes Esqr. Was Chosen Moderator by A Hand Vote —

Voted, That the Poll for Choice of A County Register be Closed at half past Twelve O'Clock. —

[**232.**] Voted, That the Selectmen be and hereby. are appointed A Committee to Count the Votes that shall be brought in for the Choice of A County register

Votes, for A County Register Of Deeds for the County of Suffolk brought in & Counted by the Selectmen A Committee Chosen for that Purpose When it appeared that the whole Number was Eight hundred and Seventy Three. and that they were for the following Persons. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Vizt.

	Votes
Joshua Henshaw Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	121
Samuel Barrett Esqr. - - - - - - - - - - -	141
Samuel Ruggles Esqr. - - - - - - - - - -	57
Mr. Henry Allyne - - - - - - - - - - - -	554

Attest William Cooper Town Clerk, Memo. delivered an

Attested Copy of the above to Ezek[l]. Price Esq[r]. Clerk of the Sessions —

A Vote Inclos'd in A Paper was Sent in by Coll– Tudor And the Question being put, Whether any Vote shall be brought in by Proxy, it Passed in the Negative —

Boston,
Number of Votes for A Register of Deeds —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved —

[**233.**] At A Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and Legally Warned in Public Town meeting, Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 10th day of Aug[t]. 1791. 11 O'Clock a : m

Warrant for Calling A Meeting - - - - read —

The Hon[ble] Thomas Dawes Esq[r]. on Motion was Chosen Moderator by A hand Vote

Voted, That the Poll for Choice of A County Register, be Closed at one O'Clock. P : M —

Voted, That the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed A Committee to count the votes that shall be brought in for A County Register —

Votes, for A Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, brought in & Counted by the Selectmen (A Committee Chosen for that Purpose) When it Appeared that the whole Number was one thousand & one, and that they were for the following Persons — Viz[t].

	Votes
Joshua Henshaw Esq[r]. - - - - - - - - - -	63
Samuel Barrett Esq[r]. - - - - - - - - - - -	57
Samuel Ruggles Esq[r]. - - - - - - - - - -	56
M[r]. Henry Alline - - - - - - - - - - - -	825
	1001

Att. William Cooper Town Clerk Mem[o]. delivered an Attested Copy of the above, to Ezek[l]. Price Esq[r]. Clerk of the Sessions. to be by him delivered to the Court of Sessions. Directed Boston Numb[r]. [of votes] for A County Register.

Then the Meeting. was Dissolved. —

[**234.**] At A Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, dully qualified and legally warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall, on Wednesday the 26th. day of October A.D. 1791. 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for calling the meeting — read

The Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr. chosen Moderator by A hand Vote. —

The Article of the Warrant relative to the County of Suffolk, read, Also the Petition of Moses Fuller & others. to the General Court, a Copy of which has been transmitted to the Town Clerk, by their order, — and laid before the Town. read, Whereupon —
Voted, That the Honble. James Sullivan Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Honble. Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Caleb Davis Esqr.
be A Committee to take this matter into Consideration and report such measures as they may Judge to be expedient on the occasion ——— Sent

The two articles in the Warrant - - - - Viz^t^. to consider the Expediency of Erecting Stalls in the Market square. for the better accommodation of the market. agreeable to A Plan then to be laid before the Town and Whether any farther regulations are Necessary to be made respecting the market Read. Whereupon. Voted. That —

[**235.**] Voted That Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Honble. Stephin Higginson Esqr.
M^r^. Charles Bulfinch
M^r^. Charles Sigorney
M^r^. William Cooper
M^r^. Oliver Smith
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
be A Committee to take these Articles into consideration and to report what is best to be done thereon — Sent

The Report of the Committee on M^r^. Hills Petition — read and considered, Whereupon moved and
Voted, That M^r^. Hill have leave to Withdraw his Petition —

The Article in the Warrant — Viz^t^. Whether any or what measures shall be taken for lighting the Lamps the ensuing Winter — read — Whereupon — Voted That this matter be left to the consideration of the Committee, relative to the Market —

The Article in the Warrant — Viz^t^. That the Sense of the Town

may be taken. relative to Admitting A Theatre in the Town and instruct their representatives. to endeavor A repeal of an Act passed July 1750. Entitled an act to Prevent Stage Play, and other Theatrical Entertainments — read, and after debate, Adjourned to — 4 — O'Clock — P : M : —

[236.] 3 O'Clock. P : M : Met according to Adjournment

The Article relative to A Theatre again taken up. —

On motion. the question was put Viz^{t}. That the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition — Passed in the Negative — it was then moved and Voted. That —

Perez Morton Esqr.
James Hughes Esqr.
M^{r}. Charles Bulfinch
Capt. James Prince
Samuel Cabot Esqr.
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Joseph Russell Esqr.

Be A Committee to draw up Instructions to the Gentlemen who represent this Town in the Genl. Court, for carrying said Article into execution and to report the same at the Adjournment — Sent

Adjourned to Wednesday the 9th. day of November Next, 10 — O'Clock. A : M :

Wednesday. the 9th. day of November 10. O'Clock. A : M : met according to Adjournment

The Committee relative to dividing the County of Suffolk. on the Petition of Moses Fuller and others to the General Court have leave to report at the adjournment of this meeting —

[237.] The Committee appointed to Consider the expediency of Erecting Stalls in market Square. for the better accommodation of the market agreeable to A Plan Presented" — And whether any further regulations of the Market are Necessary — beg leave to report. That with respect to the first Article. It is their unanimous opinion. That the same be carried into operation, and that the selectmen be desired to take measures to complete the same

That with respect to the other Article they are fully of Opinion that the Representatives of the Town in General Court be instructed to use their influence to have A Law Passed at their Next sessions. more Effectualy to Provide against the growing evil of forestalling and that in the mean time the Officers of Police in this Town be directed to Prosecute those who shall be guilty of Violating the Laws against Monopoly and forestalling as they Now stand. as also to inspect all weights and measures

made use of in the market and Proceed therein as the Law points out & directs That the inhabitants may no longer suffer by the notorious Practice of many Sellers in making use of illegal weights and measures in their sales; And that they make the Selectmen acquainted with the Names of such forestallers. as are suffered to improve stalls. for dealing out their monopolized Articles, to the Inhabitants at Extravagant rates, with the [238.] further mortification that these gains rest not with the honest farmer but in the hands of those who are only living on the Labours of the industrious Sent

Charles Jarvis

The aforegoing Report having been Considered by Paragraphs. The Question was put Whether said Report shall be Accepted Passed in the Affirmative Sent to all —

The Committee to Whom were refer'd the clause in the Warrant as to whether the Town will take any & what measures for lighting the Lamps the Ensuing Winter —

Report. That the Number of Town Lamps is not Sufficient for Lighting the Town in A Proper manner, and the circumstances of the Town at Present will not allow of any Expence in Adding to their Number — But that the Committee recommend that when A number of Individuals — will Engage to put up sufficient additional Lamps at their own charge and Subscribe to their Support and when Sufficient monies shall be raised by subscriptions to Support the Town Lamps That the Selectmen be directed then to Contract with Some Persons to light & keep in order the Lamps throughout the Town —

Charles Jarvis

[239.] The Aforegoing Report having been read and Considered. the question was put Viz^t. whether the Report be Accepted — Passed in the Affirmative. — Sent —

The Committee appointed to draw up instructions to the Gentlemen who represent this Town In General Court, relative to Admitting A Theatre in this Town — Report the following draught

To the Representatives of the Town of Boston —

Gentlemen, At A very full meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston the sense of your Constituents has been taken upon A Law of the Legislature Passed in the year 1750 Entitled an Act to Prevent Stage Plays, and other Theatrical Entertainments" — And After a lengthy and Deliberate Debate, They have Determined by A Very Large Majority. that the Existence of that Law in its Present unlimited form operates as an

undue restraint upon the liberty of the Citizen And as an infringement of his unalienable right.

They Consider the right to relax from the toils of Industry & the fatigues of Business by A resort to any *rational & innocent amusement*, as Constituting no inconsiderable part of the happiness of Civil Society and one of the essential [**240.**] blessings confirmed to them by A free constitution of Government —

A THEATRE where the Actions of great & Virtuous Men are represented Under every possible embellishment, which genius and eloquence can give will not only afford A rational and innocent amusement, but essentially Advance the interest of Public and Private virtue, will have A Tendency to Polish the Manners and habits of Society, to disseminate the Social affections. and to improve and refine the literary taste of our rising Republic — Your Constituents therefore, as well to Promote the Public benefits as to remove Every obstacle to the enjoyment of their Political rights, instruct and enjoyn you at the Next Session of the Legislature to move for and to use your utmost endeavor, until you effect A repeal of the Law alluded to. so far at least as respects the Town of Boston —

By Attending to the objects your Constituents have in View, you will readily Perceive — That they are as opposed to the licentious abuse of this Valuable Privilege, as to the Arbitrary and Unnecessary restraint with which it has been so long shackled —

They Therefore further direct you to endeavor that the Law of repeal may be so — constructed, that no dramatic Compositions shall be the subject of Theatrical exhibition until they have [**241.**] Obtained A Sanction from some Authority to be Appointed for that Purpose in order that none of an immoral impression may ever disgrace the American stage, and such only be presented to the view of the people as shall be calculated to improve their taste, to mend their hearts, and to Subserve the great and beneficial purposes of Public and Private Virtue — By order of the Committee

Perez Morton Chairman

The foregoing having been read and Considered. The Question was put Viz^{t}. Whether the Same shall be accepted, Passed in the affirmative — Sent

Adjourned to the Second Wednesday in December, 10 O'Clock A : M : being the 14th —

Wednesday Decr. 14th. 10. O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment. —

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Moses Fuller and others to the General Court of this Commonwealth relative to A Division of the County of Suffolk. —

Reported the following draft of A Remonstrance to be Pre-

sented to the General Court which being read and Considered. The question was Put Viz^{t}. Whether the said Report shall be accepted. Passed in the affirmative Unanimously — Sent

[**242.**] On Motion — Voted. That the
Honble James Sullivan Esqr.
Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Honble Caleb Davis Esqr.
Thomas Edwards Esqr.
be and hereby are appointed Agents in behalf of the Town, and they are hereby Authorized and directed To Sign said remonstrance & Pet^{n}. and to Present and Support the same at the General Court, also — Sent

Voted, that the Representatives of the Town in General Court, be and hereby are *instructed*, to use their utmost endeavors that the Petition of Moses Fuller and others to the General Court for A Division of the County of Suffolk, should not Obtain And That they be Served with A Copy of this Vote, and Of said Petition and the Aforesaid remonstrance of the Town. — Sent —

The Remonstrance is as follows — Viz^{t}.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

The Petition and Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston —

Most humbly Represents —

That the said Inhabitants being favoured by your Hon^{rs} with a Copy of A Petition of several Persons in behalf of the Towns where unto they respectively belong for forming [**243.**] A New County by the Name of Union out of the County of Suffolk. And having duly Considered the Same. — They cannot consistently with the regard which they have for the People of said County as well as to the state at large, if they should refrain from remonstrating Against the Measure. They find that the first Claim for A Division of the County as Expressed in the Petition, Arises from delays in Tryals in the Courts and The great expences Consequent upon them, but it may be relied on, That those Actions which are merely Maritime, or Arises from the Principals of Commerce Incident to the Town of Boston are very few in comparison of those which Originate in Wrongs and Contracts Equaly Appertaining to the Nature of Business both in Town and Country. The Number of Tryals where both Parties are Inhabitants of Boston, bear but A Small Proportion to those where one or both Parties are Inhabitants of Other Towns in the County — If the County should be Divided there will still be Suits Commenced by the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston,

against the Inhabitants of the New County. and by the Latter against the former from Whence would result the same inconveniency as is now complained of that men in Town and County would have their Cases Tried by Jurors not Acquainted With the business they are called to decide upon, But very small Attention to the subject will shew that there is no weight in the Argument thus used in the Petition. Because [**244.**] the Law of the Land [is] alike to the Persons & Property of all the People in the Commonwealth, so far as the Same respects Legal Tryals. The Jurors now Called to decide upon matters of right in this County Are A Mixture of Town & Country men, but if the Town Should become A Separate County, and A difference In the feelings of Town and Countrymen does actually Exist, it will be hard upon our brethren in the Country to have no Jurors from the Country when they shall be called to Answer upon Suits in the Town, — Besides This, when A County is very small, And an Action which Attracts the Public Attention has to Pass thro' the Variety of Tryals to which it is liable Until Ended in A review, it is very difficult to procure An Unprejudiced and impartial Jury. The Town of Boston has ever had A high Sense of the Good understanding & ability of their brethren in the Country and would by all means, Unless where the Public interest absolutely requires it, Be willing to relinquish The Advantages derived from their Assistance in Matters of Legal Controversy, The Town of Boston have Attended to the Matters of complaint of their Brethren in the Towns said to be Petitioning, respecting the weight of Taxes Arising from County Charges, and they can by no means conceive that [**245.**] granting to the Towns mentioned in the Petition Exclusive County Priviliges would ease their burthens. The County Expences are always order'd and liquidated by the Court of Sessions, wherein their is A large Majority of Members from the Country Towns, the Expence of the Jail is no doubt very great upon the Towns mentioned in the Petition. as well as upon the Town of Boston, but the Towns in the Country part of the County ought to consider That in all great Towns and Cities, there are vagrant Strolling Persons, who are very frequently the Objects of such Criminal Prosecutions as will create an Expence. But The Towns Near the Metropolis have great Advantages from their vicinity with it. And they ought to bear A reasonable Part of the burthens Naturally arising from their Priviliges and Advantages — The length of the sessions of the Supreme Judicial Court. is no doubt the Source of much Expence. But A Method much more eligible, than that of A Division of the County may be Adopted, This together with the Expences of the Jail arises from the Number of Criminals which are held for and brought to Tryal at the Supreme Judicial Court — Considering the Advantages derived by the Inhabitants of the Towns Mentioned in the Petition from their Contiguity with the Town of Boston they ought to Unite with it in Procuring Such Measures as will tend Mutually to the relief of Town and Country in the Expences

Complained of [246.] As your Honors have under consideration A revision of the Judicial department in the Goverment, the Legislative will be naturally led to form such an Establishment as shall give the Town of Boston A Tribunal to try and Sentence, or Acquit such Persons as Shall be committed under charges of A Criminal nature not Capital and committed within the Town of Boston, in as Short A time after their Committment As shall be consistent with Justice. This will lessen the Expences of the County, have A tendency to prevent the Commission of Crimes, which are perpetrated under A hope of escaping from Punishment by delay of Trials, and take away all the colourable reasons Suggested in the Petition; what the many other reasons are which The Petitioners Suggest as existing, but do not mention The Town of Boston are unable to conceive of; had they been mentioned in the Petition it would have led to A discussion of their merits. but there are, as this Town believes many and very weighty reasons against the Measure. Amongst which are the following: That the Interest and happiness of the People depend much upon having the offices of their Municipality filled with men who are capable of executing the functions of them. and answering the just expectation of their constituents, but this can never be Assured where [247.] The Community is small without laying grevious burthens upon the People. In the instance under consideration A fair calculation will shew that the County Officers have but A Small support as — the County now stands. And A division will still lessen The reward for A Devotion to Public business The real expence of the People in going to the Proposed shire town will be to increase their Travel and by no means lessen their other expences, The great objects of Civil Goverment are the defence of the Society against Violence from External Enemies. & the Support of Distributive Justice among the Individuals of which it is composed; in the Latter a tryal by Jury is considered as being A very important and Valuable Municipal Institution, But where A County is small too great a Proportion of the People of it will be too much interested or Prejudiced in Causes demanding the Public attention to Preserve this institution in Purity, and tryals under such impressions will have A tendency to destroy the respectability of an Institution, upon which the Liberties of the People depend.

There are many other Counties in the Commonwealth which have as fair A Claim for A division as the County of Suffolk has. And Some of them greater and more weighty reasons to offer than can be given [248.] In this case, for though the shire Town in this County is not Central as to its local situation yet it is so as to the business done in the County — But there is one Consideration which the inhabitants of Boston conceive will have such weight that no smaller consideration of Convenience to A Part of the State will Preponderate against A Multiplication of Counties [which] will necessarily call for A Division of the Commonwealth into Several States; A Measure So replete with Mis-

chiefs and Misfortune, that every well wisher to his Country will oppose, As the States are divided they will grow weak, inefficient, and unimportant in the Union & Naturally Yield their Powers of Exertion to be Carried to the Seat of Federal Goverment and leave the States dependent upon the Powers of the Union for even the exercise of Corporate Municipal Authority.

Impressed with these Sentiments the Town of Boston have taken Liberty to appoint Agents to oppose the Division of the County of Suffolk before the General Court, and before all such branches and Comittees of it as shall have the subject of it under consideration and humbly hope That A Petition Soliciting A Measure which will have A Dangerous tendency against the importance, Security, & happiness of the people of the Whole Commonwealth may not obtain the Object for which [**249.**] it has been presented.

Voted, that all matters unfinished at this meeting be referred over to the Next General Town Meeting that shall be called. —

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to the Hon$^{\underline{ble}}$ Thomas Dawes Esqr. for his Good Service as Moderator —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

At a meeting of The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Legally warned in Public Town meeting, Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Friday the 30th day of December Anno Domini 1791 — 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Hon$^{\underline{ble}}$ Thomas Dawes Esq$_{r}$. chosen Moderator by A hand Vote. —

The Article in the Warrant Viz$_{t}$. To take into Consideration the representation of a considerable Number of the Inhabitants of the Town. setting forth [**250.**] the want of A More efficient Police &c and requesting that A Town Meeting may be called to take into consideration the Present State of the Town. And Adopt such measures as may conduce to lessen if not remove &c. — was read — On Motion — Voted, That

Hon$^{\underline{ble}}$ James Sullivan Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Thomas Dawes Ju^{r}. Esqr.
Hon$^{\underline{ble}}$ Judge Payne
William Tudor Esqr.

Honble Caleb Davis Esqr.
Honble Benjn Austin Ju^{r}. Esqr.
Jonathan Mason Ju^{r}. Esqr.
Honble Stephen Higginson Esqr.
William Eustis Esqr.
Christopher Gore Esqr.
William Little Esqr.
John Q. Adams Esqr.
M^{r}. Edwd. Edes
John Lucas Esqr.
M^{r}. Thomas Tileston
Capt. James Prince
Thomas Edwards Esqr.
Paul Revere Esqr.
Capt. Edward Tyler
M^{r}. Charles Bulfinch

Be A Comm^{tee}. to take the Article in the Warrant into Consideration, & report what they shall Judge best to be done thereon. —

Adjourned to Friday the 13th day of January Next 1792. 10'. O'Clock. A : M : —

[**251.**] Friday the 13th. January 10 'Clock A : M : Met according to Adjournment. —

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Article relative to Altering the Police of the Town — Reported — Whereupon — Voted, That said report be printed in A Pamphlet. and distributed to and amongst the Inhabitants of the Town —

Adjourned to Next wednesday at 10 'Clock A : M : —

Wednesday Jan^{ry}. 18th — 10' O'Clock A : M : Met according to Adjournment —

The Report relative to an Alteration of the Town Police again taken up, After large debates

Adjourned to, to Morrow Morning 10 — O'Clock A : M : —

Thursday. Jan^{ry}. 19th 10 — O'Clock A : M : Met according to Adjournment. —

Report. relative to Police again taken up. and on Motion Voted, to consider the same by Paragraphs. And that before A Vote shall be taken on The whole report, The Town will Adjourn to a Future day And that notice thereof shall be given to the inhabitants —

Adjourned to half past 3-O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment —

[252.] The Consideration of the report of the Committee on Town Police again taken up [by] paragraphs And the Paragraphs as amended were accepted by the Town and the following is the report as amended and Accepted by Paragraphs — Viz^{t}. —

The Committee appointed by the Town at the late meeting to take into consideration the representation of A considerable number of its inhabitants. setting forth. the want of A more efficient Police and Praying for the Adoption of such measures as might conduce to lessen if not remove those embarrassments by A More energetic Government. Ask leave to report the following in the form of Votes. And submit the same to the consideration Of the Town — Voted that the Selectmen Divide the Town into Nine Wards of Equal Numbers of Inhabitants as near as may be, and be impowered once in every Three Years if it should be necessary to alter the Division so as to Preserve the Equality formed. and that each Ward in the Month of March, Annualy Elect by ballot Two men residing within The ward by which they shall be severally Chosen, and together with the Selectmen for the time being shall constitute A Town Council, and Possess the following Powers. 1st To Possess the Powers of making all such By Laws as the Town have now in their corporate capacity A right to make and establish the same without any Application to the Court of sessions and to alter and repeal them [253.] When Necessary. Provided that no by Law shall be enacted Until it shall have had three several readings on three Several days, and that such By Law in the mean time shall be Published for the inspection of the inhabitants and that no such Law shall be perpetual until it shall be reenacted by A Subsequent Town Council by the same formalities which is herein provided for the first time of enacting it, Provided that no Penalty shall be exacted for a breach of such By Laws of more than the Value of Ten Pounds, or in case the delinquent be unable to pay such Penalty as shall be Adjudged he be sent to the Workhouse and be kept to hard Labour not Exceeding Thirty days and that in cases where the Penalty shall exceed the sum of Four Pounds the Party Accused shall have the right to be tryed by A Jury — 2dly To Regulate all kinds of Carriages within the Town. Also to regulate Coaches Chariots, Post Chases, Phætons, Chaises, Chairs and Sulkeys within The Town, and shall be impowered to raise duties from time to time upon such as shall be owned by the inhabitants thereof. Whenever the General Court their Excise Laws now Excise Laws now Existing upon them —
3dly That the Town Council have Power to Appoint annually, all the Executive officers, now appointed by the Town or Selectmen Excepting Selectmen, Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Town Treasurer [254.] School Committee, Auditors of accounts, Firewards, Collectors of Taxes, and Constables, and the Said town Council shall be impowered to remove Constables and Collectors and all officers by the said council appointed upon

their being Guilty of Corruption in their offices or of Male — conduct therein and to appoint others in their place during the Vacancy — 4thly To direct all Prosecutions that shall be commenced Upon breach of the By Laws of the Town, and for that Purpose to appoint an Attorney to Commence and carry on to final Judgement, all such prosecutions. —
And further Voted That application be also made to the General Court for the Establishment of A Tribunal to Consist of one Judge to have exclusive original Jurisdiction of all Breaches of the By Laws of the Town, and of the breaches of Inspection Laws within the Town and of all other Laws appertaining Merely to the Goverment of The Town from whose Judgement there may be an appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court. — Attest

On Motion — Voted, Ten of the Clock in the forenoon On Thursday, Next be Assigned for the inhabitants of the Town to take into consideration and to determine upon the Report of their Committee on the Police of the Town as amended by the inhabitants in the Meeting and that in the mean time the same shall be printed in the News papers and in hand bills and one hand bill left with each family in the Town —

[**255.**] A Letter from James Bowdoin Esqr. Proposing A Plan for easing the Poor of the Town in the Article of Firewood & offering in case of concurrence, One hundred pounds as A Donation towards carrying the Plan into Execution, — was read. — whereupon —
Voted The Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to the said James Bowdoin Esqr. for his Generous donation, for the relief of the Poor in the Article of Wood also that
The Selectmen be A Committee to take Mr. Bowdoins Letter and the Plan relative to relieve the Poor in the Article of Wood into Consideration and to Report thereon. —

Adjourned to Thursday Next to Ten O'Clock A : M : - -

Thursday the 26th January 10-O'Clock A : M : Met according to Adjournment —

Committee on Mr. Bowdoins Letter and Plan, have further time allowed for to make Report Thereon. —

The Report of the Committee for Altering the Town Police as last amended by the Town Again taken up, and after debate the question was put. Vizt. Whether this Report as now Amended be Accepted by the Town — and the Moderator being [**256.**] unable to decide as to the Number of hands. on each side the question. A Poll of the House was called for — when it appeared the number of Persons for receiving the report was *five hundred*

and *Seventeen* and the Number for rejecting s^{d}. report *Seven hundred and one.*

Voted, That all matters unfinished at this meeting be referred to the next General Town Meeting to be called —

Then the meeting
was dissolved.

[**257.**] At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified & Legally warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 12th. day of March Anno Domini 1792. 10-O'Clock A : M : —

Prayer made by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Eckley. —

Warrant for Calling the Meeting — read

Sundry Laws to be read at this meeting were accordingly — read —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes For A Moderator for this meeting. and the Same having been brought in and Sorted, it appeared That —

Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr

Was chosen Moderator by a hand vote. —

The Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw. and bring in their votes for A Town Clerk. The same having been brought & sorted it Appeared — That William Cooper was Chosen Town Clerk for the Year Ensuing, and the Oath of Office was Administered to him by Thomas Craft Esqr.

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw. and [**258.**] bring in their Votes for Nine Selectmen and upon sorting them it appeared That the following Gentlemen were chosen — Viz^{t}.

Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
Dea William Boardman
M^{r}. Ebenezer Sever
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Thomas Edwards Esqr.
M^{r}. William Little
Samuel Cabot Esqr.
M^{r}. Charles Bulfinch

Were chosen Selectmen for the Ensuing Year — sent

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for 12 Overseers of the Poor. and the Same being brought in and Sorted it Appeared. That —

Jonathan Mason Esqr.
John White Esqr.
Edward Procter Esqr.
John Sweetsir Esqr.
Jonathan L. Austin Esqr.
Samuel Parkman Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Edes —
Henry Hill Esqr.
John Codman Junr Esqr.
M^{r}. William Smith
William Phillips Junr Esqr.

Stephen Goreham Esqr. were Chosen Overseers of the poor for the Year Ensuing. Unanimously — Sent.

[**259.**] The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for sixteen firewards and the same being brought in and sorted it appeared That the

Honble Caleb Davis Esqr.
M^{r}. Thomas Tilestone
John Winthrop Esqr.
Thomas Melville Esqr.
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Samuel Breck Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph Clarke
Honble Thomas Russell Esqr.
Joseph Russell Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Edes
Samuel Parkman Esqr.
Jonathan Mason Ju^{r}. Esqr.
Amasa Davis Esqr.
M^{r}. Russell Sturgis
Henry Jackson Esqr. — were chosen

Fire wards for the Year Ensuing - - Sent

M^{r}. Joseph Russell was Chosen Town Treasurer for the Year Ensuing, and the Oath of Office Administered to him by the Town Clerk Sent

The Choice of Constables Refered to The Adjournment —

Thomas Winthrop Esqr.
Leonard W. Boreland
Messrs. Thos. H. Perkins
John Parker
Samuel Cobb
[**260.**] Samuel Blagg
William Deblois
Daniel Sargeant Junr.
Francis Amory

Luke Baldwin
Nathaniel Frazier Ju^r^.
Jonathan Amory Ju^r^. were Chosen
Clerks of the Market for the Year Ensuing

Voted, That the
Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Herman Brimmer Esqr.
Joseph Russell Ju^r^. Esqr.
be and hereby are appointed A Committee to Audit The accounts of the Town Treasurer and Also the accounts of the Selectmen and overseers of the Poor, and the said Committee are also directed to report the Sum Necessary to be raised for the Service of the Present Year — Sent

Voted, That the Consideration of all Money matters be referred over to the Next May Meeting —

Voted, That the Assessors be and are hereby directed and Impowered to set for such abatements of Taxes. as they shall Judge reasonable two days in Each Week after the delivery of the Tax books to the Collectors for the space of Six weeks and [**261.**] no longer. Saving that they be allowed to Set the Last week in February, Lords days Excepted, for the abatement of Taxes of such Persons as had not the opportunity of Applying in the above Limited time by reason of their being out of the Commonwealth. or any other Unavoidable hindrance, and that the Assessors determine upon the said Two days. which is to be noted on the Tax bills to be delivered to the inhabitants, Sent

VOTES, for A Treasurer of the County of Suffolk. brought in and Counted by the Moderator and Town Clerk. when it appeared That the whole number was two hundred and Eighty Nine. and that they were All for Thomas Crafts Esqr. A discreet Suitable Person, being A Freeholder, and A resident in the Same County
Mem^o^. — The attested Copy thereof was given to Ezekiel Price Esqr. Clerk of the Sessions. —

Votes brought in for five Assessors it Appeared, That —
Giles Harris Esqr.
M^r^. William Lowder
Samuel Ruggles Esqr.
M^r^. John R. Siggorney
M^r^. Edward Davis — were
Chosen Assessors for the Year Ensuing — Sent

The Statement of the Assessors relative to the Taxes paid by the Collectors read to the Town & placed on the Files. —

[**262.**] Voted. That five per Cent be and hereby is Allowed

to the Collectors of Taxes for the Year Ensuing, for all Such Sums of Money and Public Securities as they shall Collect and Pay into the several Treasurers of the Sums Committed to them to Collect — Also that such Collectors shall give bond wth. Sufficient Securities to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithfull discharge of their duty in said Office — and Complying with this Vote, And That they will not receive any Premium or Gratuity for discounting any order, Notes or receipts from the Treasurer of this State, or the Treasurer of this Town. —

Messrs. Benjamin Henderson
James Thompson
Thomas Bayley
Caleb Blanchard were Chosen Collectors of Taxes for the year Ensuing —

Voted. That the Town Treasurer Give Bond with Securities to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen in the Penalty of Ten thousand Pounds for his faithfull discharge of the Duties of his office —

Messrs. Benj^{a}. White
William Crafts
Moses May —
Andrew Townsend
William Todd,
Were Chosen Fence Viewers for the Year ensuing —

[263.] Messrs. William Billings
Nathan Green
David Hollis
Thomas Bradley — Were Chosen Sealers of Leather for the Year Ensuing — Sent

The Selectmen Chosen Surveyors of Highwayes for the Year Ensuing —

Messrs William McNeil
Jeffery Richardson — were Chosen Surveyors of Hemp for the ensuing Year — Sent

M^{r}. Adam Colson was Chosen Informer of Deer for the Ensuing year —

Messrs Edward Jones
Francis Booth
Samuel Curtis were chosen Haywards for the Ensuing Year —

Messrs Joseph Egner
Peter Smink were chosen Hogreeves for the Year Ensuing —

John Lucas Esqr.
Edward Tuckerman Esqr. were chosen Surveyors of Wheat for the Year Ensuing

Messrs. John Skinner
Samuel Green were Chosen Assay masters for the year ensuing —

[264.] Messrs. John Ballard
Thomas Uran
Willm. Cunningham
Edward Wild were Chosen Sealers of Wood for the Ensuing Year —

Messrs. Lemuel Gardner
John Bray
Joseph Loring
Henry Parkett
James Barry
Edward Burt
Edmund Dolbeare
Joseph Bassett
Thos. Barber
Thomas Foster
Hezekiah Hudson
Jonathan Cushing
William Parkman were chose Cullers of Staves & hoops for the year ensuing —

Messrs. John Champney
Samuel Dyer
Edmund Ranger
Benj^{a}. White
John Cogswell
Benj^{a}. Page
Jonathan Bentley
Daniel Ingersol
James Blake
James Rogers
Abraham Haywood
James Robbins. were chosen Surveyers of Boards & Shingles the Year Ensuing

[265.] Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P. M —

3. O'Clock P. M. the Town Met —

Moved, [&] Voted That the Choice of Constables be referred to the Adjournment —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. To choose A School Committee read & on Motion —

Voted That in Addition to the Selectmen — Twelve Persons

Shall Now be Chosen and the following Gentlemen were accordingly chosen by ballot Viz^{t}.

Honble. Thomas Dawes Senr. Esqr.
Rev^{d}. Samuel West
Rev^{d}. John Lothrop D. D.
Rev^{d}. James Freeman
John Coffin Jones Esqr.
D^{r}. Thomas Welch —
D^{r}. Nathaniel Appleton
Jon^{a}. Mason Junr. Esqr.
Aaron Dexter Esqr.
Christopher Gore Esqr.
George R. Minot Esqr.
William Tudor Esqr.

The Petition of John Sweetser Esqr. & a Number of the Inhabitants for Altering the Present System of School Education, was read; Together with the Vote respecting School Committee passed the Last year; whereupon Moved & Voted. That the Petition Sign'd by John Sweetser Esqr. & others be referred to the School Committee for their Consideration to report at the Adjournment Such Alterations in the present [**266.**] System of Public Education as they shall Judge may be Expedient —

M^{r}. Carters Petition for an Augmentation of his Salary or Liberty to keep A Private [School] being again read. was also referred to the said School Committee for their Consideration who after having Consulted with the School masters are to report at the Adjournment —

M^{r}. Caleb Blanchard was Chosen Assessor in the room of M^{r}. Davis who has resigned

The Choice of A Collector in the room of M^{r}. Blanchard referred to the Adjournment

The Petition of [John] Holbrook to make up A Loss he sustained by supplying Paving Stones and Gravel for Battery march, read —

Whereupon Voted That the
Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
M^{r}. Ebenezer Dorr —
Jonathan Mason Esqr. be A Committee to Consider the Same and report at the Adjournment —

The Petition of A Number of the Inhabitants To Consider the By Laws of the Town and what measures are proper to be Adopted to carry them into Execution read and after some

[**267.**] Debate. it was Voted that A Committee of Thirteen be Chosen by ballot. to consider of this matter and report thereon at the Adjournment or the next May meeting — The Town to be inform'd when said report will be Laid before them —

On Motion Voted That the foregoing Vote so far as it relates to Choosing the Committee by Ballot be reconsidered Whereupon the following Gentlemen were Chosen by A hand Vote for the Purpose aforesaid Viz^{t}.

Honble Benjamin Austin Esqr.
Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Honble George R. Minot Esqr.
M^{r}. Adam Colson
William Cooper
M^{r}. Ebenezer Dorr
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
M^{r}. Jon^{a}. L. Austin
M^{r}. John Kneeland
Hon^{o}. Samuel Adams Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
M^{r}. John Demming
Jon^{a}. Mason Esq.
Deacon Richard Gridley
M^{r}. Henry Bass

The Memorial of Jonathan Mason Esqr. requesting to Purchase of the Town the Alms house with the Land under and Adjoyning the Same to know the Terms upon which [**268.**] they will Sell the Same — read —
Whereupon Voted. That —

Hon^{o}. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Hon^{o}. Caleb Davis Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
M^{r}. Charles Bulfinch
& Doct^{r}. Scollay —

Be A Committee to Consider this matter and to report at the Adjournment —

The Application of Docter Whipple, That He may be Permitted to Inoculate for the Small Pox at Rainsford Island was referred to the Selectmen for Consideration who are to Report at the Adjournment —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. to know what measures shall be taken relative to Lighting the Town — read, whereupon —

Voted That Thomas Edwards Esqr.
M^{r}. Charles Bulfinch
M^{r}. Treasu^{r}. Russell

Be A Committee to Consider and report this Article at the Adjournment. —

Adjourned to the Last Tuesday in March Istant being the 27th. day 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Tuesday the 27th. march 10. O'Clock A : M : Town Met According to Adjournment —

Samuel Cabot Esqr. having resigned as A Selectman the Votes were brought in as directed for one Selectman in the room of Majr. Cabot. upon Sorting [**269.**] them it appeared that —

William Scollay Esqr.

was Chosen A Selectman for the Year Ensuing. —

The Votes being brought in for A Gentleman to serve on the School Committee in the room of the Revd. Mr. Freeman who Declined Serving, It appeared that, —

The Reverend John Clark

was Chosen one of the School Committee for the Year Ensuing Unanimously —

The Votes being brought in for 12 Constables it appeared that only Eleven were Chosen Vizt.

Messrs Shubal Hews
Benjamin Homans
John Bosson
John Cade
John Butterfield
Andrew Townsend
Samuel White
David Lewis
Thomas Uran
Thomas Stevenson
Enoch May

Committee on Mr. Holbrooks Petition have Leave for to Report again. —

On Motion Voted That the thanks of The Town, be and hereby are given unto. Saml. Cabot for his good Services as A Selectman While in that Office —

[**270.**] On Motion Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given Unto Mr. Samuel Whitwell Junr. for his good Services as A fire Ward While in that Office. —

The Report of the Committee relative to Carrying the By Laws of the Town — into Execution, read, and after some Debate —

Voted, That the Consideration of this report be referred to the May Meeting and that the Same be Printed in hand bills as soon as may be, in Order to their being distributed amongst the Inhabitants —

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Masons Memorial — read and on Motion —

Voted, that the Same be referred to the Adjournment for Consideration —

The Committee appointed on the Application of Doctr. Whipple that the Town would Consent to his obtaining License for his Inoculating for the Small Pox at Rainsfords Island. Report that the Same may be granted, and that the Town Consent Accordingly —

The Report aforegoing having been read — Voted That the same be accepted —

Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P : M :

3 O'Clock P : M. Town Met.

Messrs. Thomas English
Simon Eliot Junr.
Thomas Brewer
Samuel Barton
John Q. Adams
Were Chose Clerks of the Market the Year Ensuing

[**271.**] On Motion Voted That the Choice of one Constable wanted, be put off to May Meeting

The Votes being brought in for one Fire-Ward. It Appeared That Capt. Mungo Mackay was Chosen —

The School Committee of the Town of Boston To Whom was referred the Petition of John Sweetser Esqr. and others for an Alteration in the Present System of Education in this Town beg Leave to report

That the Committee have heard the Petitioners and Consulted with the Schoolmasters on the Subject of the said Petition, and are of Opinion That it is not Expedient to make the Alterations in the Present System of Education which are now Proposed by the Petitioners. And request Leave to set again upon the Subject of Mr. James Carters Petition

℘ order Ezekl. Price
Chairman.

The Question being Put - whether the aforegoing Report be Accepted. Passed in the Affirmative. — Also Voted That the foregoing Committee who Conjunctly with the Selectmen are to be termed the School Committee, be & hereby are directed to

Carry the *New System of Education* which has been Adopted by the Town into Operation. And said Committee are also Authorized and impowered *Conjunctly* to Manage and regulate the affairs and Goverment of the Schools. and [**272.**] In future to Exercise all the Powers relating to the Schoolmasters, which the Selectmen or such Committee are Authorized by the Laws of the Commonwealth Or the Votes of this Town to exercise — Any former Votes of the Town Notwithstanding —

The choice of A Collector of Taxes was on Motion referred to May Meeting —

On the representation of Giles Harris Esqr. In behalf of himself and the other Assessors —

Voted That the Honble: Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Capt. James Prince
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Be A Committee to take into Consideration the Extra duties which will lay upon the Assessors the Present Year, by Means of A New Valuation being ordered by the General Court to be now taken. And to report at the Adjournment what they shall Judge to be an Adequate allowance therefor —

Committee relating to Lighting the Lamps Reported — on motion

Voted That the Selectmen to continue Lighting the Lamps at the Expence of the Town, Untill the Adjournm^{t}. to which time the consideration of said report is referred —

Adjourned to Tuesday the 10th of April next 10. O'Clock A : M :

[**273.**] At a meeting of the Male inhabitants of the Town of Boston of Twenty one years of age & upwards qualified as the Law directs, as the Constitution Prescribes, and legaly Warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday The 2^{d}. Day of April Anno Domini 1792. —

Prayer was made by the Reverend James Freeman —

Warrant for Calling Meeting — read

Paragraphs of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment. relative to the Choice of Governor. Lieu^{t}. Governor & Senators — read —

It was then declared by the Selectmen that no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded, and that they Propose the Poll

should be closed at half past 12. O'Clock. The Votes to be received at The Table, and the Bells to begin tolling at 12. O'Clock —

Persons *Voted* for as Governor, —

	Votes
His Excellency John Hancock Esqr.	689
Honble Francis Dana Esqr.	5
Joseph Barrell Esqr.	5
Honble Benj^{a}. Austin Junr. Esqr.	7
Honble James Sullivan Esqr.	2
Honble Elbridge Gerry Esqr.	1
M^{r}. Adam Colson	5
Honble. Thomas Russell Esqr.	5
M^{r}. Joseph Gleason	1
Honble Samuel Phillips Esqr.	1

[274.] Persons Voted for as Lieu^{t}. Governor with The Number of Votes for Each Person Viz^{t}.

His Honor Samuel Adams Esqr.	686
Charles Jarvis Esqr.	2
Honble Thomas Russell Esqr.	17
M^{r}. William Cleland Esqr.	1
Honble William Phillips Esqr.	1
M^{r}. Adam Colson	7
M^{r}. Joseph Shed	2
M^{r}. Nathaniel Balch	1
M^{r}. Russell Sturgis	1
Honble Caleb Strong Esqr.	1
Honble Benjamin Austin Esqr.	3

Persons Voted for as Senators for the County of Suffolk with the Number of Votes for Each Person — Viz^{t}.

	Votes
Honble William Phillips Esqr.	118
Honble Cotton Tuffts Esqr.	205
Honble Stephen Metcalf Esqr.	715
Honble Thomas Davis Esqr.	645
Honble Benjamin Austin Ju^{r}. Esqr.	577
Honble William Heath Esqr.	574
Honble Thomas Russell Esqr.	91
John Read Esqr.	299
Oliver Wendell Esqr.	494
James Bowdoin Esqr.	363
Charles Jarvis Esqr.	215
M^{r}. Elkanah Hawkes	7
Richard Cranch Esqr.	1
Thomas Crafts Esqr.	1
[275.] William Cooper	7
Edward H. Robbins Esqr.	35

Mr. Joseph Sprague - - - - - - -	7
Solomon Lovell Esqr. - - - - - - -	12
Mr. John Kneeland - - - - - - -	7
Honble Stephen Higginson Esqr. - -	3
Collo. Ebenezer Hancock Esqr. - - -	1
Elisha Dunbar Esqr. - - - -	1
Thomas Clark Esqr. - - - -	2
Mr. Hugh Cargill - - - - - - -	7
Ebeneser Thayer Esqr. - - -	13
Jonathan Mason Senr. Esqr. -	7
Honble Caleb Davis Esqr. - -	2
William Tudor Esqr. - -	1
John Coffin Jones Esqr. -	3
Jonathan Mason Jur. Esqr. - - - -	2
Honble Ebenezer Wales - - - - -	1
Ebenezer Storer Esqr. - - -	1
Mr. William Brick - - - - - - - -	1
William Eustis Esqr. - - - -	1
Mr. John French - - - - - - - -	7
Mr. Elisha Sigorney - - - - - - -	1
Mr. Joseph May - - - - - - - -	1
Capt. Norton Brailsford - - - - -	1
Mr. Samuel Wheelwright - - - - -	1
Capt. Michael Homer - - - - - - -	1
Mr. Benja Russell - - - - - - - -	1

Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as Governor, Lieut. Governor, and Senators for The County of Suffolk were Committed to the [**276.**] Secretary of this Commonwealth and the Inclosures. Sealed up in Town Meeting. Superscribed as follows —Vizt.

For John Avery Esqr. Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

The Number of *Votes* of the Town of Boston for A Governor Lieut. Governor, and Six Senators for the County of Suffolk Certified therein, and Sealed up in Town Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
dissolved

At The Adjournment Of March Meeting April 10th 1792. The Committee Appointed to take into consideration the representation of Giles Harris Esqr. in behalf of himself and the other Assessors, have Attended that Service, and upon Conferring with the Assessors, are informed, That the time for taking the Valuation, Agreeably to the Act of Government, will be at Least Six Months, and making the Taxes and the other business of the Office, in Consequence thereof its Probable will require the re-

mainder of the Year, therefor Ask Leave to report As their Opinion, That there be Allowed and Paid to each of the Assessors for the above mentioned Services One hundred & Thirty Pounds for the Present Year in Quarterly Payments. The above not to be Considered as A Precedent in future —

Thomas Dawes ℘r. order

[277.] The Report on Mr. Masons Petition read and Considered whereupon Voted that said report be recommitted and the Committee are further Requested to Report a suitable place for the Erection of an Almshouse, Workhouse, Hospital and other Necessary buildings, at what Price it can be Purchased, and also to Ascertain the Expence of Erecting the said Buildings. and report at the may Meeting — -

The Committee Appointed to know what measures shall be taken relative to Lighting The Town the Ensuing Year — Report that they have Attended that Service And from A Calculation they have made from the Actual Expence of Lighting the Lamps the Last month find that the Probable Expence of Lighting the same the Ensuing year will be £800 — and your Committee beg Leave to observe that in their opinion the Convenience to the Inhabitants in having the Same Lighted will Amply Compensate the Expence. They therefore report as their opinion the Selectmen be Authorized to Light the Lamps the Ensuing Year at the Expence of The Town by Contract with any Individual or Individuals or in Such other manner. as they may think proper —

Thomas Edwards ℘r order

The following report having been read and Debated, It was — Voted That the said report Be Accepted —

[278.] On Motion. Voted. that all matters and things Unfinished at this Meeting be referred Over to May Meeting —

Voted. That the thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to the Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr. for his good Services as Moderator —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Legaly warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the 8th. day of May Anno Domini 1792 — 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Prayer was made by the Revd. Mr. Baldwin —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

That part of the Constitution or frame of Goverment which relates to the Choice of representatives read
Sundry Laws to be read at said Meeting — were accordingly — Read —

The Town having Determined by A Vote to Choose Seven Persons to represent them in the General Court of Massachusetts to be held in the State House in Boston on the [**279.**] Last wednesday of May Current, Agreeably to the Constitution or frame of Goverment for the Massachusets. The Inhabitants were directed by the Selectmen to withdraw, and bring in their Votes for Seven representatives and then it was declared by the Selectmen that no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded and that they intend the Poll shall be Closed at half past 12. *O' Clock* Bell to toll a little before that time —

The Votes being brought in for Seven Representatives. The Number of the Same were found to be Three hundred and Twenty three — and upon sorting them it Appeared the Eight following Gentlemen had Obtained — A Majority of Votes — Viz^{t}. —

		Votes
Honble	Thomas Dawes Senr. Esqr. - - - - -	288
	Charles Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - - - -	297
	Samuel Breck Esqr. - - - - - - - -	191
	Jonathan Mason Esqr. - - - - - - -	281
	John Coffin Jones Esqr. - - - - - -	306
Honble	Benjamin Austin Esqr. - - - - - - -	216
	William Eustis Esqr. - - - - - - -	307
	William Tudor Esqr. - - - - - - -	184

Declaration was then made by the Selectmen to the Town That the Seven first of the foregoing Names were Chosen by A Majority of Votes —

The meeting was then Adjourned To 3. O'Clock. P : M : —

[**280.**] 3. O'Clock P : M : Town met according to Adjournment —

On Motion Voted, That the Selectmen be requested to make return of the Eight Gentlemen who had A Majority of Votes in the Morning for Representatives —

The Choice of Representatives being over It was on Motion Voted. That the Town will Come to the Choice of A Moderator to transact the other business mentioned in the Warrant by a hand Vote —

The Honorable Thomas Dawes Esqr. was Chosen Moderator Accordingly —

The Inhabitants having as directed by the Selectmen brought in their Votes of One Constable it appeared upon Sorting them —

That Mr. James Perkins was Chosen a Constable for the Year Ensuing —

The Petition Relative to A New Street at the Bottom of Beacon Hill — read —

Whereupon Voted, That Mr. Charles Bulfinch
Capt. James Prince
Harrison G. Otis Esqr.
Be A Committee to Consider Said Petition and to Report at the Adjournment —

The Petition of Deacon Daniel Jones read —

Whereupon Voted That Capt. Joseph May
George R : Minot Esqr.
Doctor Thomas Welch be
A Comtee on the Same to report at the Adjournment

[281.] Adjourned to Thursday Next 3. O'Clock P : M :

Thursday the 10th. May. 3 : O'Clock the Town Met according to Adjournment —

The Inhabitants as directed brought in Their Votes for Three Cullers of Fish. When it appeared that. but Two were Chosen vizt.

Capt. Roger Bartlet
Capt. Joseph Doble

The Committee on Mr. Jirah Holbrooks Petition Reported that the Petitioner hath Leave to withdraw his Petition and the Question being put it Passed in the Affirmative —

The School Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mr. James Carter — Report as follows — Vizt. Pursuant to a Vote of the Town Passed Mar. 12th. The School Committee having Conferred with the School masters on the Subject of Mr. Carters Petition, and after full Consideration thereon ; ask Leave to Report to the Town as their Opinion. That the several School masters cannot, consistently with their Duty to the Public Schools, be permitted to keep a private school, until after the hours of the public school in the afternoon. The Committee also deem it incumbent on them further to observe for the information of the Town on this Subject; that influenced by a conviction of the importance of giving due effect to the new system, adopted by the Town, for the regulation of the public schools; whereby the means of education have not only been happily Extended to the Children

of both sexes, of all the Citizens; but such Improvements and Advantages, have been already experienced, [282.] As are no less honorable to the liberal and Patriotick Principles of the inhabitants of the Town, than beneficial to the rising Generation, the immediate objects of an Institution so benevolent: — They have from A Consideration of the Increased duties resulting to the Schoolmasters thereupon; and the wisdom as well as Justice of affording them the Encouragement of a Competent Support — as being Essential to A Zealous and faithful discharge thereof. conformably to the powers vested in them by the Town, Voted as Salaries for the present year. —

To Each of the public Schoolmasters . . . . £200 —
To Each of the Ushers . . . . . 80 —

Ezek[l] Price Chairman

The aforegoing report having been Considered by the Town. the Question was put, Viz[t]. —

Whether the Same shall be Accepted Passed in the Affirmative

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Jones beg Leave to report that upon Enquiring into the Subject of said Petition it appears Probable. That from several unforeseen Circumstances. Such as opening Drains &c. That the Income of the Market Square falls short of the Estimate made by the Petitioner. when he Contracted for the same, The sum of Fifty four Pounds. The Committee Therefore Recommend That the Town Pass the following Vote viz[t]. Voted that the Sum of Fifty Four Pounds Eight Shillings be abated Daniel Jones on his Contract for the income of the Stalls and Stands, without the Market house for the year past. Provided the said Jones Pay into the [283.] Town Treasury The Sum of Seventy Six Pounds Six shillings (in Addition to Sum of Sixty Nine Pounds already paid) On or before the first day of June next, and the further Sum of Seventy Six Pounds Six Shillings on or before the first day of August Next, all which is Respectfully submitted

Joseph May [Pr]. order

The a foregoing report having been Considered by the Town. On the Question being put whether the Same shall be Accepted Passed in the Affirmative

M[r]. Breck chosen A representative declines Serving for reasons given in his Letter on the file of this meeting —

The Committee appointed to Audit the acco[ts]. of the Town Treasurer and Examine the drafts of the Selectmen and overseers, have Attended that Service and report,

That The Treasurers accounts are right Cast. and well Vouched, and find by his Account Now Rendered, A balance in favour of the Town of £10970 ,, 5 2¾
The General State of the Treasury as follows Viz^{t}.

D^{rs}. Due to the Town from the Several Collectors — Viz^{t}.

	James Thompson for	1790 Tax . . .	£597	,, 3	,, 2¼
		1791 d^{o}. . .	1987	,, 4	,, 9¼
	Thomas Bayley . .	1790 — D^{o}. . .	272	,, 9	,, 4¾
		1791 — D^{o}. . .	2011	,, 7	,, 11½
	Charles Williams .	1790 — D^{o}. . .	765	,, 12	,, 11½
	Benj^{a}. Henderson .	1791 — D^{o}. . .	2078	,, 17	,, 9¼
[284.]	Caleb Blanchard .	1791 — D^{o}. . .	1862	,, 2	,, 1¼
	Sum brought over		£	[blank]	
	Commonwealth Masssachusetts . . .		6666	,, 13	,, 4
	Town Powder		312	,, 11	,, 8
	Sundry Balances from a number of Persons of wch the Committee think £1300 bad		1672	,, 17	,, 9
	Sundry Persons for Rent		320	,, 15	,, 11
	Several Small notes		35	,, 10	,, 8
	Cash in the Treasury		1838	,, 4	,, 8½

C^{rs}. Due from the Town as follows — Viz^{t}.

Sundry Small Balances . .	£384 ,, 1 ,, 7¾			
To the Estate of Saml. Patridge	695 ,, 7 ,, 6½			
Matthew Nazro . .	253 ,, 2 ,, 3½			
Notes on Interest . .	8118 ,, 15 ,, 5½		9451 ,, 6	,, 1¼
			10970 ,, 5	,, 2¾

Balance due to the Town by the Books — From which must be deducted for Interest due on Sundry Notes 1st. Mar. 1792

Not Yet paid	401 ,, 2 ,, 3	
Collectors and Assessors Pay	1050 ,, ———	
Abatements on 1791 Tax	900 ,, ———	
Town Powder	312 , 1 , 8	
Supposed Bad Debts .	1300 ,, ———	
Part of rents . . .	150 ,, ———	
		4113 ,, 13 ,, 11—
Real ballance due to the Town		6856 ,, 11 ,, 3¾

Provided no greater Loss accrues to the Town from bad Debts, than your Committee have Estimated in the foregoing report There was in favour of the Town on the first day of March Last A balance of £6856 ,, 11 ,, 3¾ Your Committee beg Leave further to report That the Average Annual drafts of the Selectmen and Overseers [285.] for Several Years Previous to the Last have been for £7000 — and the Last Year they amounted to 8477 ,, 13 ,, 0½ The Present Year, as there is A New School house and Stalls in the Market Square to be built, Sundry Streets in the Town to be repaired and A Considerable Expence

for lighting the Town with Lamps, the Current Expences will Exceed the Sum raised the Last Year. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the Sum Necessary to be raised for the Current Expences of this year will be Nine Thousand Pounds, all of which is respectfully Submitted

Thos. Dawes ℘ order of Comtee

The aforegoing accot. having been Considered by the Town. The Question was put for its acceptance and Obtain'd, —

Voted. That the Sum of Nine Thousand Pounds be raised by A Tax to be Assessed on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to defray the Expences of the Current Year —

The Report of the Committee on Mr. Masons Petition — read. and after debate the Question was put for A reference. which was Passed in the Negative —

The Report as amended was accepted by The Town — 112 Persons Present. —

[**286.**] Adjourned [until] tomorrow 3 'O'Clock P : M :

Friday 3. O'Clock P : M : Town Met According to Adjournment —

The Committee relative to A New Street at the Bottom of Beacon hill reported as on file. whereupon it was moved and Passed That A Committee be appointed to Enquire as to the Titles of the Land Claimed by Mr. Todd & Capt. Dennie and to report the Sum that would be required for the Purchase of the Land Necessary to be taken into the Street, and what would be the other Expences — whereupon

Voted. That the Selectmen be now a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid —

On Motion Voted, That A Committee be now Appointed to Consider the duties and Services of the Town Treasurer and the Town Clerk, And report at the Adjournment Adequate Salaries therefore —

Voted, That William Tudor Esqr.
Honble Stephen Higginson Esqr.
Mr. Herman Brimmer
Be A Committee for the Purpose aforesaid —

Voted That The Thanks of The Town be and hereby are given unto Samuel Breck Esqr. for his good Services as A Representative A Number of Years past

[287.] Voted That the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to Jonathan Mason Junr. Esqr. for his good Services As A Representative Sometime past

On Motion Voted, That the Vote of Acceptance on Yesterday of the report of the Committee on M^{r}. Masons Petition be reconsidered — also —

Voted That the Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Benj^{a}. Austin Junr. Esqr.
Perez Morton Esqr.
Hon^{o}. Caleb Davis Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
Hon^{o}. James Sullivan Esqr.
William Scollay Esqr.
M^{r}. Charles Bulfinch

Be A Committee to provide Proper and Convenient buildings for the reception and better accommodation of the Public Poor. so as that the healthy, sick & Convalescents — may be Lodged in distinct and Separate appartments and for the Purpose aforesaid the said Committee or A Major Part of them, are hereby Authorized and impowered to Appropriate and Set Apart any of the vacant Lands belonging to the Town (except the Public Common) to Erect said buildings, upon or to purchase any other Piece of Land which they may think more convenient: To Contract with any Persons for Erecting & Completing [288.] said buildings, and Supplying the Materials, or if they or a Major part of them shall Judge it most for the interest of the Town and the Comfortable accomodation of the poor to Enlarge and repair the Present Almshouse &c. and to Erect any Additional buildings On the Land Contiguous thereto. And in order to defray the incidental Expences of the aforesaid undertaking the said Committee or A Major part of them are hereby further Authorized and impowered in the Name of the Inhabitants of The Town to make Sale if they see fit of the peice of Land on which the Granary. Almshouse. and Workhouse now Stand — And the Land Contiguous thereto to any Person or Persons who will give the highest price therefor or any part thereof, and to make & Execute good and Sufficient Deeds thereof in the Name of the Inhabitants of the Town to the Purchaser or Purchasers. and if the Proceeds of such Sales Shall not be sufficient to Defray the Expence of the New Buildings &c. The said Committee or A Major part of them are further Authorized and required to raise as much of the Deficiency as they Can, by A Public Subscription, in Aid of so human and benevolent an undertaking, and if any deficiency shall therefore remain, The said Committee or major Part of them are directed to make report thereof to the Selectmen, who are thereupon required [289.] to call A meeting of the inhabitants that they may Provide for the Same in due time by A

Public Tax. Provided That said Tax shall not amount to A Sum Exceeding Two Thousand Pounds

On Motion Voted That the Vote Passed by the Town the 30th. March 1791. for farming out of Faneuil Hall Market to the highest bidder, be reconsidered, and that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized & impowered to Appoint A Suitable Person as Clerk of said Market. under such regulations and directions as to them may Appear most Advantageous To the Town, and to allow said Clerk what may appear to them Adequate to his Services — also.

Voted, That the Selectmen be Authorized and impowered to dispose of the Hay Engine to the Person they shall Judge most suitable for said Trust, and allow him what Sum they shall Judge Adequate to his Services —

Adjourned to Friday. 18th Instant —

3. O'Clock P. M: For the Purpose of taking up and Acting upon the report of the Committee relative to By Laws and Transacting other matters in the Warrant not yet acted upon. May 18th 1792 —

Friday P: M: 3. O'Clock. Town Met according to Adjournment — The Committee appointed to Consider and report what they may Judge to be Adequate Salaries [**290.**] For the Town Treasurer and Town Clerk — report

That after conversation with the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer & due Enquiry take Leave to Report that there be granted to the Town Clerk the Sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds as his Salary for the Year 1791 — and for the Present Year —

And that the Town Treasurer have at the rate of Two hundred Pounds ℘r. Year during the time he has Come into Office and up to the Month of March 1793 — as an Adequate Salary and Allowance for his duties and Services, which is Submitted,

William Tudor
Herman Brimmer

The Aforegoing Report being read the Question was put Vizt. Whether this Report shall be accepted — Passed in the Affirmative —

The Committee on Mr. Bowdoins Proposals — reported Verbally; and have Leave to Report again —

The Report of the Committee relative to the Carrying the By Laws into Execution — read —

After some debate, It was moved. and the Question Put That said reports be considered by Paragraphs — Passed in the Negative —

It was then moved and the question Put That said report be now Accepted by the Town; which Passed in the Negative. —

On Motion Voted. That all matters and things which shall remain Unfinished at this meeting. be referred over to the next General Town meeting that shall be called —

[291.] Voted. That the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are Given to the Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr. for his good Services as Moderator

Then the Meeting was
dissolved —

The following is the report of the Committee for Carrying the By Laws into Execution, which report was not accepted. Viz^t. —

The Committee appointed to Consider the By Laws of the Town of Boston, And to report measures for carrying them into Execution; have attended to the Subject of their Commission, and report as their Opinion, That the following are the Principal obstructions to the carrying of the By Laws into Effect; and unless removed, must forever Embarrass them in their Operation: — 1st An Apprehension existing in the minds of the Justices of the Peace residing in the Town of Boston, that they are interested, in the Penalties which may be recovered for A breach of the said By Laws. and therefore. they are disqualified from taking Cognizance and Jurisdiction of Complaints that may be brought before them in such Cases, whereby prosecutions for the breaches of the Said By Laws must be carried on at Some distance, and with great Additional trouble and Expence — 2^d. The want of a Sufficient Pecuniary Compensation to the Inspectors of the Police to reward them for the Services which it was designed they should render and the want of A Proper responsibility and Penalties on the part of those officers for the Neglect of their Duty.

[292.] 3dly An inconvenience arising from the Inspectors of the Police Applying to the Selectmen, previous to Commencing Prosecutions for breaches of the By Laws, which have occasioned delay in Cases, where there were no legal doubts of A Prosecution being sustained. 4th The want of an Attorney for the Town, who should act when called on, in all prosecutions to be Commenced for breach of the By-Laws, and to whom the inspector of the Police and all other Officers of the Town Should apply, when Needful, for Advice and direction free of Expence —

The Committee are therefore of Opinion, That it will be Expedient for the Purpose of Carrying the said By Laws into Effect, That the Town should Pass the following Votes Viz^t.

Whereas doubts have Arisen in the Minds of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Suffolk, residing within the Town of Boston, of their Authority to Sustain and try Prosecutions for breaches of the By-Laws of the said Town, and other Laws appertaining to the Government of the same, in Cases where the Penalties may Accrue for The benefit of the inhabitants thereof; *Voted*, that application be made to the Legislature of the Commonwealth, Stating the Difficulties thence resulting in Carrying the Said By-Laws into Effect, Praying, if they think proper, that the Authority of such Justices may be declared to be Competent. to the Sustaining, Trying & determining of such Prosecutions; or direct such A mode of Process as they think Proper, in order that the By-Laws may be duly Executed, Agreeable to the Genius & Spirit of The present Constitution of the Town. And as it is of The greatest importance to the due Execution of our By Laws, That the inspectors of the Police, be men, not only of good moral [**293.**] Character, But of known Stability, firmness of mind and Laudable zeal for the good order of the Town—

Voted, That previous to the appointment of Such Officer or Officers of Police by the Selectmen, A Nomination list shall be hung up in the Selectmens room One month before the Choice is made, in order that every inhabitant of the Town, so inclining, may Enter the Name of one Candidate thereon; and the Selectmen are required to Elect by Ballot, from such nomination List, on the first wednesday of May Next, and afterwards on the Third wednesday of March Annually, one or more Persons for the aforesaid Office, — whose duty it shall be to Patrol The Town from time to time, and to Prosecute in behalf, and at the Expence of the Town (first Advising with The Town-Attorney if Necessary) before any Justice of the Peace, all breaches of the By-Laws that may come to his or their knowledge, either by his or their own Observation, or by the information of Others. And the officer, or Officers of the Police are hereby directed to keep an Office in or Near the Market Place, to be provided by the Selectmen, at which he or they, or Some Person acting under him or them, Shall daily Attend (Lords days or days set Aside for Public Worship Excepted) from the Hours of Eleven to One O'Clock, in order that the Inhabitants may with Greater facility give Notice to him or them of any Breaches of the By-Laws. The said Officer or Officers of Police are directed to make Weekly returns of his or their doings to the Selectmen. Voted that *an Attorney* be appointed by the Town by written Votes at the *March* meeting [**294.**] Annually, who shall be empowered to appear before any Court in all Prosecutions for a breach of the By-Laws when Necessary. Also to Commence and Prosecute under the direc-

tion of the Selectmen in any Court of Law, any Suit or Action, in behalf of the Town, and to defend any Suit or Action Commenced Against the Town. The Officer or Officers of the Police, and all other officers of The town shall have A right to the opinion and advice of the said Town-Attorney upon any Legal question, relative to the Execution of their respective offices, or to any Prosecutions for the breach of the said By-Laws, free of all Expence —

Voted That The Town-Attorney receive an Adequate Compensation for his Services, by an allowance to be granted him by the town in March meeting annually.

And the more effectually to enable the officer or officers of Police to pay due attention to the duties of his or their office:
Voted, — As the Sense of the Town, that the Selectmen make ample and liberal allowance to the officer or officers of Police, as a compensation for his or their services — to be paid quarterly. The said officer or officers of Police to take an Oath, and give bonds for the faithful discharge of his or their Duty.

Voted — that the Officer or Officers of Police, and Town Attorney, from time to time as they may Discover Any Additions to, or any Amendments in the By-Laws to be necessary (in their opinion) for the better Government of The Town, shall Lay the same before the Selectmen, who if they see cause, shall publish the Same in two Several News papers for the more deliberate consideration of the inhabitants, in order that the Town may conduct [**295.**] Thereon at their Annual meetings in *March* or *May*, as to them shall appear proper; Providing always that such Proposed Additions or amendments be published at Least Seven days Previous to Such Meetings —

Voted — That all Officers of the Town Elected by The Selectmen, Shall in future be Chosen by them by Written Votes.
Also that application be made to the Legislature, That it may be the duty of the Selectmen, and that they be empowered To Remove from Office, any Officer appointed by The Town, Or the said Selectmen, who shall be Convicted by Two Credible Witnesses of Fraud or Misdemeanors in his Office, in Any Court of Law, and another be Appointed in his Stead — saving always the right of appeal, Agreeable to the Laws of the Commonwealth. And whereas the mode Adopted for disposing of the Office of Hay-weigher At Auction has not Proved A beneficial Measure to the Town. —

Voted. That the Hay-weigher be hereafter Appointed by the Selectmen, and the said Hay-weigher is Directed to lay before them Quarterly, An Account under Oath, of the quantity of Hay weighed, and the Money received by him in that Office, and the

Selectmen are empowered to allow him the Sum of £. [blank] ℔r. Annum for his Services, he Producing A receipt that he has paid the residue of the money so received by him into the Town Treasury. — And whereas The Town at a Late meeting did direct the Selectmen to Erect A Number of Additional Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market, agreeable to A Plan Laid before the Town [**296.**] Which will render it inconvenient to dispose of said Market by Auction the Ensuing Year, —

Therefore, *Voted* That A Clerk of said Market be appointed by the Town the Next year, and that he be directed to lay before the Selectmen upon Oath, the money received in that Office; and the Selectmen are empowered to Allow him The Sum of £ [blank] for his services, he producing A Receipt in Like manner as the Hay-weigher.

Voted. That the General account of receipts and Expenditures of all Public money to be read in open Town Meeting in *March* Annualy.

And Whereas great expenses Yearly Accrue to the Town by the heavy Loads of Manure which are Carried through The Town, to the great Damage of the Streets and Highways:

Voted That application be made to the Legislature to empower the Town to make such Regulations as to prevent in future such damages to the Streets and Highways, Particularly to prohibit a greater Load then one *Ton* weight. of such Manure being Carried Through the Town, by any Person or Persons whatever.

And Whereas from the Late deranged State of the Town, in Execution of the By-Laws, many Evils have Arisen by the Practice of Forestalling in our Markets: — Unruly driving of Horses within the Town: — using unseal'd. weights and Measures in the the Market: — Impositions in the Sale of Fire-wood: — and Excessive Weight carried on Trucks and Carts: —

Voted — That it be recommended, and it is hereby recommended [**297.**] To the Inhabitants, to give information to the Inspector or Inspectors of Police, of all Persons who shall Continue in Such Practices, that they may be prosecuted agreeable to the By-Laws Of the Town.

And it is further Recommended, That each Inhabitant would Exert himself to put into Execution a Law of this Commonwealth for Preventing Persons obtruding themselves on any Particular Town, by giving *Information* to the Selectmen of the *residence* of such Persons, that they may be duly warned out of the Town, Whereby a great Expence in the Maintenance of the poor would be saved, and our Town Taxes greatly Lessened.

Voted, — That The Inspector or Inspectors of Police be particularly enjoined To take care that the Law of the Commonwealth against bringing into any Town by Water, any Cord wood. Less in Length than four feet, including half the Cart; and against any Wharfingers Carting such Wood, or Employing any

Cart or Sled not Marked & Numbered by a Sealer of Wood, as by Law Provided, be carried faithfully into Execution.

Voted That the Selectmen of the Town be, and they are hereby Directed to make Application to the Legislature for the Several Purposes Expressed in the foregoing Votes at their first Session

The above Report is Submitted to the Consideration of the Town

Benjamin Austin Junr.
$\mathfrak{P}^{r}$. Order —

[**298.**] At A Meeting of the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Legaly Warned in Public Town Meeting, Assembled at Faneuil Hall, On Wednesday the 6th. day of June. Anno Domini 1792 10. O Clock. A : M :

Warrant for Calling the Meeting — read —

Precept for Choice of Two Representatives also read —

The Town having by Vote Determined to Choose Two Persons to Represent them in the General Court in the room of the Honorable Thomas Dawes & Benjamin Austin Junr. Esqr. who are Elected to A Seat in the Honble Senate, Agreeably to A Precept received for Said Purpose —

The Inhabitants are directed by the Selectmen to withdraw and bring in their Votes for two Representatives. Accordingly; And then it was declared by the Selectmen, that no Votes would received, but such as are unfolded; And that they intend the Poll shall be Closed at 12. O'Clock. Bells to be toll'd a Little before that time —

The Votes being brought in for two Representatives. The Number of the same was found to be Two hundred & Thirty Nine & upon Sorting them it appeared the following Gentlemen had Obtained A Majority of Votes Viz^{t}.

Joseph Blake Esqr. - - - - - - -	128,,
Thomas Edwards Esqr. - - - - - -	126,,

[**299.**] Declaration was then made to the Town by the Selectmen, That the aforenamed two Gentlemen were Chosen Representatives. by A Majority of Votes. —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

At A Meeting of the Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and Legaly Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 4th day of July. Anno Domini 1792. at 9. O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

William Cooper was Chosen Moderator by A hand Vote —

The Committee appointed the Last Year to make Choice of A Gentleman to deliver an Oration on the Anniversary of Independence

Reported that they had made Choice of Mr. Joseph Blake Junr. who had Accepted —

On Motion Voted. That the Oration be delivered at the Old Brick Church. as Liberty therefor having been Obtain'd —

[**300.**] Voted. That the Gentlemen Selectmen do Acquaint Mr. Blake with the aforegoing Vote —

The meeting was then Adjourned to meet at the Old Brick meeting house, at 12. O'Clock this day —

AN ORATION.

To Commemorate the Independence of the United States was delivered by Mr. Blake Junr. at the Old Brick Church

On Motion Voted, That the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed A Committee to Wait on Mr. Joseph Blake Junr. And in the Name of the Town to thank him for the Spirited and Elegant Oration this day delivered by him At the request of the Town upon the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America in which According to the Institution of the Town he Considered The feelings manner and Principles which Led to that Great National Event, & to request of him A Copy Thereof for the Press —

On Motion Voted, That the Gentlemen the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed A Committee to Apply to Some one learned and able Gentlemen to deliver an Oration on the 4th day of July Anno Domini 1793. That day being the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America wherein the Orator is to consider the feelings Manners and Principles which Led to this great National Event, as well as the Important [**301.**] and happy effects whether General or Domestic, which have Already, and will forever Continue to flow from that Auspicious Epoch —

Then The Meeting was
Dissolved —

At A meeting of the freeholders and The Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and Legaly Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Thursday the 9th. day of Augt. A : D : 1792 —

Warrant for Calling the Meeting —read

Honble Thomas Dawes Senr. Esqr. was Chosen Moderator by A hand Vote, but he informing the Town by the Constable Sent that he could not Attend

Ezekiel Price Esqr. was then Chosen but upon his declining
Thomas Craft Esqr. —
Was Chosen Moderator for this meeting by A hand Vote.

On Motion Adjourned to the Old South Church A Number of the Committee of that Church Present having given their Consent therefor —

The Article of the Warrant being read. together with the representation of A Number of the [**302.**] Inhabitants relative to the Small Pox A Lengthy Debate took place thereon, Whereupon it was moved

That the Selectmen continue their Exertions to prevent the Spreading of the Small Pox in this Town by taking up A House or Houses and making other Suitable Provision for the reception and Accomodation for such Person or Persons as Now have or may hereafter be taken with the Small Pox —

The Question being put Accordingly Passed in the Affirmative by A great Majority —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and legally warned in Public Town Meeting. the 29th of Augt. Anno Domini 1792. Assembled at Faneuil Hall 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for calling the meeting — read —

Thomas Craft Esqr. Chosen Moderator By A hand Vote —

Petitions for Calling the Meeting — read —

[**303.**] The Selectmen then give the Inhabitants their opinion of the Present State of the Small Pox. in this Town —

On Motion, The Question was put — Viz^{t}. Whether the Town do not think it Expedient that A General Inoculation should take place immediately — Passed in the Affirmative by A great Majority —

Moved and Voted that A Committee be now appointed to take into Consideration and to Report at The Adjournment Such Measures as they shall Judge Necessary to be taken by the Town on the occasion. and for the relief and Assistance of the Poor in Passing through the Small Pox. —

Voted, That —
That the Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Honble. James Sullivan Esqr.
John Coffin Jones Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Harrison G. Otis Esqr.
Stephen Goreham Esqr.
Rev^{d}. Doct^{r}. Lothrop
Joseph Russell Treasurer
Be A Committee for the Said Purpose —

Moved and Voted, That the Town Clerk be desired to Attend the Committee for to give Such Information as may be Needed — Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P : M : —

[**304.**] At 3. O'Clock. P : M : Town met according to the Adjournment —

The Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of the Measures Expedient to be Adopted by the Town, in the Present State of the small Pox, beg Leave to report the following Votes. —

"That all Persons, as well inhabitants of the Town as Coming from the Country, be Permitted to receive the Small Pox by inoculation at any time — from this day, untill the fifteenth day of September Next, and not afterwards, and that from & after that Period the Selectmen be and hereby are requested to Adopt the most prudent and Usual measures — for Cleansing the Town from Infection, and to Prevent any further Inoculation, while the Present Laws — Against it are in force."

That the Overseers of the Poor be requested to devise and Pursue the most discreet and Prudent measures for the comfortable supply of such of the Poor Inhabitants as may receive the disorder who are unable to Provide for themselves. to Engage Physicians for their respective wards Accordingly. And that all Expences incurred in this Service be defrayed, out of the Treasury of the Town —

That the Sum of Nine Shillings be Allowed to The Physicians. of The Town for Inoculating [**305.**] And medicines and Attending during the Progress of this disorder, Each poor Inhabitant, who in the Opinion of the Overseers, may be Unable to Provide for himself —

That the Selectmen be requested to Continue the Guards at the Hospital untill Next Thursday week — at sunset, And Your Comittee further Report. that in their opinion, The following Vote will be Conducive to the best interest of this Town.

That the Selectmen be requested to make. application to the Legislature for the repeal of all Laws Now Existing against Inoculation, after the first of June Next all which is respectfully Submitted

Thos. Dawes Pr. order —

The Aforegoing Report having been read and Considered and the Question being Put. Whether the Same shall be Accepted, Passed in the Affirmative — By A Large Majority —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

[**306.**] At A Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and legally warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall On Friday the 28th. day of September Anno Domini. 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for Calling the Meeting — read —

Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Chosen Moderator by A Hand Vote. —

The Votes being Brought in for A Collector of Taxes in the room of Mr. Caleb Blanchard who has resigned, it Appeared that. —

Mr. Benjamin Jepson was Chosen Collector of Taxes for the Year Ensuing —

The Article in the Warrant Vizt. to Consider Application of the Collectors that A further Allowance — may be made them for their Services — read —

Whereupon Voted. That
Mr. Herman Brimmer
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Honble Caleb Davis Esqr.
Be A Committee to take the Application of the Collectors for A further allowance for their Services as Collectors And Report thereon at the Adjournment —

[307.] The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. — What measures shall be taken for the Speedy Clearing the Town from the Infections of the Small Pox was read and after Some Debate — Voted That A Committee of Forty Eight Persons — four of Each Ward be immediately appointed For to Assist the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor in Each Ward whose business it shall be to repair to Every House in their respective wards, To ask the following Questions and to take down the Answers in Writing — Viz^{t}.

Who Lives in this House, and what is the Name of the Head of the family —

How many Persons in this house have had the Small Pox, both Whites and blacks, The Natural way and by Inoculation & how many of Each have died — How many Persons from the Country have had the Small Pox in this House, and how many of them Came from the Countrey after the 15th. day of September Last. There Names and by Whom Inoculated —

How many are now Sick, and how many that have not had the Small Pox, The Number that have now had it that supposed that they had received it before; — And that the Constables of the Town Attend the selectmen and Overseers in Said Walk, & they are also directed to take the most Effectual Method to cause the houses in the Several Wards to be well Cleansed from the Infection & make report of their doings at the Adjournment. That such of the Rev^{d}. Clergy as desire it, be requested to attend the Committee

[308.] Article relative to M^{r}. Cheney and his Other applications, read — Whereupon —

Voted. That M^{r}. Cheney's and the other applications. be referred over to the School Committee —

Voted. That the following Persons be A Committee of Visit and also for taking the State Of The Small Pox — Viz^{t}.

Ward — N°. 1. Messrs. Benjamin Jepson
Josiah Snelling
Jonas Welch
Thomas Adams

Ward — N°. 2 — Capt. Edward Tyler
Capt. Jacob Rhoades
M^{r}. John Page
M^{r}. Alexander Hill

Ward — N°. 3 — Thomas Symmes Esqr.
M^{r}. Josiah Eliot
Joseph Crocker Esqr.
Capt. Samuel Howard

Ward — N°. 4 — Dea — Gibbons Sharp
M^r^. William Sherburne
M^r^. Nathaniel Austin
M^r^. Joseph Kettle

Ward — N°. 5 — Harbottle Dorr Esqr.
M^r^. Thomas Hitchborn
M^r^. Hopestill Capen
M^r^. William Homes

[309.] Ward — N°. 6 — Honble. Benjamin Austin J^r^. Esqr.
Coll — Samuel Bradford
M^r^. John Kneeland
M^r^. Isaac Winslow

Ward — N°. 7 — Joseph Blake Esqr.
M^r^. Elisha Sigorney
M^r^. Ephraim Copeland
M^r^. Moses Grant

Ward — N°. 8 — M^r^. David Austin
M^r^. Samuel Belknap Junr.
M^r^. Samuel Torrey
Perez Morton Esqr.

Ward — N°. 9 — Nathl. Balch Esqr.
M^r^. Edwd. Davis
John Andrews Esqr.
M^r^. Herman Brimmer

Ward — N°. 10 — Coll — John Winslow
Samuel Cooper Esqr.
M^r^. Russell Sturgis
Coll — John Boyle

Ward — N°. 11 — M^r^. John Tileston
Honble. Thomas Dawes
Capt. Nathan^l^. Fellows
General Donnison

Ward — N°. 12 — Maj^r^. R. Davis
John Lucas Esqr.
M^r^. Ebenezer Dorr
Amasa Davis Esqr.

Adjourned to Monday the 8th. day of October Next — 10. O'Clock A : M :

[310.] Monday October 8th 1792. 10. O'Clock The Town Met according to Adjournment —

The Committee to take the State of the Town with respect to the Small Tax Reported —

That on Thursday and friday Last. The Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor Accompanied with The Clergy, and Several other Gentlemen appointed by the Town, for the purpose, Visited all the families in the Several Wards in this Town in order to take A Particular account of the State of the Small Pox. Which is as follows — Viz^{t}.

8804.	Number of Whites Inoculated
158	Died
214	Whites in the Natural way —
27	Died —
348	Blacks Inoculated
7	Died
18	Blacks the Natural way
6	Died —
1038	Number from the Countrey
262	Number removed from out of Town
221	Subject to the distemper
181	Number Now Sick —

It is to be Observed. that the Number said to be subject to this disorder are 221. In these are Included many Children who have been inoculated sometime Since and said to be subject to the disorder because their parents feel anxious and doubtfull [**311.**] Whether they have had it, if they have had it, It was in A Very Slight degree. Of Those who are said to be sick it is also to be observed that many of those were then so Nearly recovered of the Distemper that they are now well. and the others fast recovering so that there is the greatest Probability that the Town will very Soon be free of Infection. The Town then Passed the following Votes.

Voted Unanimously. That the Selectmen be requested to take measures to Cleanse the Town of the Small Pox as Soon as Possible —

Voted Unanimously the Selectmen Be requested to take all Legal measures for the removal of all Such Persons who do not belong to This town and who have taken the Small Pox Since the fifteenth day of September Last, to the Town where they belong if it can be done, and when it Cannot be done, for to remove them to the Pest House —

The Town having granted an Indulgence to the People of Other Towns to receive inoculation in This Town, And being informed that Some Persons have Come into The Town for that Purpose Since the time was Expired. The Town therefore

unanimously Resolves. That they Consider such Conduct as A high Insult upon the inhabitants and that they will take [**312.**] Spirited measures to Shew there disapprobation of and to Prevent such Conduct —

Voted. That the Several Physicians in the Town be requested to make return to the Chairman of the Selectmen on Tuesday & Friday of the number of those who are sick of the Small Pox

Voted that the Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor be requested with Such and so many Gentlemen as they may Choose to Invite to make another Visitation of the families in this Town, in manner Similar to the Last, at Such a time as they may think Proper. So as to Report to the Town an Accurate Statement of the Small Pox at the Adjournment —

The Committee on the Application of the Collectors, for an Augmentation of their Premium —

Report. That two of your Committee within Named, have Attended the Application of the Collectors of Taxes for an Additional Premium, and after duly Considering the Same are of Opinion that five per Cent is Adequate to their Services —

Herman Brimmer
Caleb Davis

The aforegoing report having been read And Considered The Question was put. Viz^{t}. [**313.**] Whether the Town will Accept the said report

Passed in the Affirmative

The Votes being brought in for A Collector of Taxes in the room of Caleb Blanchard who has resigned it Appeared that — M^{r}. Benjamin Jepson was Chosen A Collector for the Year Ensuing —

Adjourned to Monday The 22^{d}. of October Instant 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Monday The 22^{d}. day of October Town met According to Adjournment —

The Committee to make A return of the State of the Small Pox in this Town, Reported That Sixty two Persons were Sick of the Distemper but that Three of Those had been removed to the Almshouse. Forty of them were almost well, That of those who had been inoculated there had died 179. And of those who had received the Distemper in the Natural way 69 had Deceased making the whole number of those who have as yet died of the Small Pox 248 —

The Town having considered the aforegoing Report Passed the four following Votes — Viz^{t}.

Whereas it Appears from the returns made this day On the State of the Small Pox, That the Town may be Cleansed of all infection in the Course of the Present Week

[**314.**] Voted that the Selectmen be requested to take effectual measures for cleansing the Town in the Course of the Present week, And they cause such Persons as are now, or may hereafter be infected wth that disease to be removed as Soon as may be to the Hospital at West Boston and that usual Signals be Provided — Voted, That the Selectmen be also requested to Erect Smoke houses at the Neck and at such other Places as they may think necessary for Cleansing Such Persons as shall come from Hospitals and other infected houses in the Neighbouring Towns, And to give Public Notice of the Same, and when the Town shall be free from any Infection, Voted That the Selectmen be directed to remove all such Persons coming by Water as shall be Infected with the Small Pox by inoculation or in the Natural way to Rainsfords Island at their Own Expence if Able, and the Inhabitants be desired to Inform the Selectmen of all Persons who shall be Infected with that Disease in future —

Voted That from and after the 22^{d}. day Of October Instant, any Person inoculating for the Small Pox in the Town or on board any Vessel in the Harbour or who may receive into their family — [**315.**] Any Person thus inoculated, shall be declared an Enemy to the Welfare and Security of This Town and their Names Published by the Selectmen as Such —

Voted, That all matters and things remaining Unfinished at this meeting be referred over to the Next General Town Meeting that may or shall be Called —

Voted That the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are Given To the Honorable Thomas Dawes Esqr. for his good Services, As A Moderator of This Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

[**316.**] is blank.

[**317.**] At A Meeting of the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Qualified to Vote for Representatives To the General Court of this Commonwealth and Legally Warned in Public Town Meeting, Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Friday the 2^{d}. day of November Anno Domini 1792. 10. O'Clock. A : M : —

Prayer was made by The Rev^{d}. Doct^{r}. Stillman —

Warrant for Calling the Meeting — read.

Paragraphs of Resolves of the General Court for the Choice of Representatives for the Next Congress of the United States. and for Electors of President and Vice President — read —

It was Then Declared by the Selectmen That the Poll would be Closed by the Selectmen at 12. O'Clock. The votes to be received at the Table and the Bells to begin Tolling at 12. O'Clock —

Persons Voted for as Representatives for the Next Congress of the United States —
1st District for the County of Suffolk — Viz^{t}.

		Votes
	Honble. Fisher Ames Esqr.	371
	Honble. Benjamin Austin J^{r}. Esqr.	330
	Honble. Stephen Higginson Esqr.	6
[318.]	Charles Jarvis Esqr.	1
	James Bowdoin Esqr.	5
	William Eustis Esqr.	2
	John Coffin Jones Esqr.	6
	M^{r}. Samuel Brown	1.

For the County of Essex	Honble. Benj^{a}. Goodhue Esqr.	722
	Edward Pullin Esqr.	1
For County Middlesex	Samuel Dexter Junr. Esq.	637
	Honble. Joseph B Varnum Esqr.	69
	Honble. Ebenezer Bridge Esqr.	7
	Honble. John Brooks Esqr.	11
	Honble. Eleazer Brooks Esqr.	4
	James Winthrop Esqr.	1
For the Three Counties or the District	John Coffin Jones Esqr.	410
	James Bowdoin Esqr.	194
	Honble William Heath Esqr.	114
	William Eustis Esqr.	3
	Honble. Benj^{a} Austin Junr. Esqr.	1
	Charles Jarvis Esqr.	4
	Honble. Fisher Ames Esqr.	1
For the Commonwealth at Large Except Maine	Honble. Dav^{d}. Cobb Esqr.	403
	Honble. William Heath Esqr.	187
	Honble. James Warren Esqr.	100
	James Bowdoin Esqr.	16
	John C. Jones Esqr.	5
	Honble. Stephen Higginson Esqr.	1
[319.]	William Eustis Esqr.	3
	M^{r}. Samuel Brown	1

Persons Voted for as Electors of the President And Vice President of The United States

		Votes
First District	Honble. Azor Orne Esqr.	693.
	Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.	662
	Honble. Samuel Phillips Esqr.	388
	Honble. Increase Sumner	418
	Honble. Fra^s^. Dana Esqr.	365
	Charles Jarvis Esqr.	301
	Honble Samuel Holten	292
	Rich^d^. Devens Esqr.	229
	Honble. Eleazer Brooks	132
	Honble. Thomas Russell	50
	James Winthrop Esqr.	34
	Theoph^s^. Parsons Esqr.	15
	Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.	6
	James Bowdoin Esqr.	2
	John C. Jones Esqr.	2
	His Hon^r^. the Lieu^t^. Govern^r^.	1
	Honble. Robt. Paine Esqr.	4
	Honble. Stephen Higginson	2
	Honble. William Heath	2
	Honble. James Sullivan Esqr.	1
	Honble. William Sheppard	2
[320.]	M^r^. Jeremiah Bumstead	1
	Honble. Oliver Prescott Esqr.	1
	Honble. Levi Lincoln Esqr.	1
	Honble. Cotton Tuffts Esqr.	1
	Thomas Edwards Esqr.	1
	William Eustis Esqr.	1

Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as Governor, Lieu^t^. Governor and Senators for the County of Suffolk, were Committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth and the Inclosures Sealed up in the Town Meeting Superscribed as follows — Viz^t^. For John Avery Esqr. Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusets —

List of Votes, of Representatives for the Next Congress of the United States from the Town of Boston in the first District. The above in A Circumflex was Wrote on the first Inclosure —

On the 2^d^. Inclosure directed as above as follows Viz^t^.

A Copy of the List of the Persons Voted for with the Number of Votes for Each Person against his Name as Electors of President & Vice President of the United States. and Sealed up in Town Meeting at Boston November the 2^d^. 1792. —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

[321.] At A meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Friday the 21st. day of December Anno Domini 1792. 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for calling the meeting — read —

Thomas Craft Esqr.
was Chosen Moderator by A hand Vote. —

The Town having brought in their Votes for A Fire ward in the room of Samuel Breck Esqr. removed To Another State. —

William Scollay Esqr. was Chosen Fire Ward

The Article in the Warrant relative to A State house — read —

Whereupon Voted — That William Tudor Esqr.
William Eustis Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Perez Morton Esqr.
Mr. Daniel Austin
John Coffin Jones Esqr.
Treasurer Russell
Be A Committee to take this Article into Consideration and report at the Adjournment what they Judge Proper to be done thereon —

[322.] The Article in the Warrant relative to the Mill Pond and Mills. — read —
and after debate was moved and voted that the Town will not Act thereon —

The Article in the Warrant relative to the Law, Prohibiting Theatrical Entertainments — read And after Some debate thereon —

Voted : That five Persons be A Committee Appointed to Prepare A Petition and Remonstrance to the General Court against The Act Prohibiting Stage Plays, and other Theatrical Entertainments And to effect the repeal thereof and to report Any resolutions or other Matters relative to the Subject which it may be Proper for the Town to Adopt — Voted ; That
John Lucas Esqr.
Henry Jackson Esqr.
Perez Morton Esqr.
Joseph Russell Esqr.
Abiel Smith Esqr
Be A Committee for that Purpose to Report as soon as may be —

The above Committee Soon reported As follows — Viz[t].

To The Honorable Senate and Honorable House of Representatives in General Court Assembled January 1793. —

The Inhabitants of the Town of BOSTON in Town — Meeting Assembled, take Leave respectfully to remonstrate — That they Consider the Law [323.] Prohibiting Stage Plays, Interludes. and other Theatrical Entertainments, made Antecedent to the Establishment of our Present free and happy form of Government. as *unconstitutional*, *inexpedient* and *absurd: Unconstitutional*, Because among the Natural and *Unalienable* rights of the PEOPLE recognized in the first Article of their declaration of Rights, is that of Seeking and obtaining their own happiness — And in the 2[d]. Section of the 5th. Chapter of the Constitution, they find it to be the *duty* of the Legislature "to Cherish the Interests of Literature, to Countenance & inculcate the Principles of Humanity and General benevolence, Charity, Sincerity, Good Humour, and all Social Affections and Generous Sentiments among the People." If Therefore There be any Dramatic Performances already Written, or if any can be Written, The Exhibition of which may have A tendency to make men happy, to Encourage Literature, and to inculcate the Social Virtues, *it is the right of the People* to Enjoy them, And the *Duty* of the Legislature to Secure to them the Excercise of this right. and, of Course, this Law, which in its Prohibition makes no distinction in the Nature of the Performance is Repugnant to both. They also Consider this Statute as an Indirect Attack on the *Liberty of the Press*. for if [324.] the Right to Think, write and Print feeely be secured to the Citizen by this Article, to restrain other Citizens from reading, and repeating, or Procuring Others to read and repeat for them What is thus Printed, is A Political Solecism.

Your Memorialist, however, would not be understood, to determine how far the Doctrine of Libels ag[t]. Goverment, Individuals, or General Decency, and Morals, are exceptions to the 16th. Article of the Declaration of Rights; but thus much they can Confidently Say, That the Existence of the Law in Question is *Inexpedient* to these Purposes, Because if any thing Libellous, indecent or immoral Should be exhibited on the Stage, the Common Law of the Country, and the good and Wholesome Statutes of the Commonwealth, are as fully Competent to their Suppression or Punishment, there, as in any other place. — The *Absurdity* of this Statute is too Conspicuous to Pass unnoticed. One of the Objects in making this Law, as recited in the Preamble, is the Suppression of Immorality, and yet in the enacting clause it is lawful to exhibit any Dramatic peice, however Politicaly, or Morally bad in its tendency, Provided not more then Twenty [325.] Persons are Present; but at any Larger number, however excellent and Moral the Sentiments of the Performance may be, the illegality and, according to the Logic of this Statute the *Immorality*, commences

We are at a Loss to know by what rule in Ethics an action is Constituted morally right or wrong by the number of the agents concerned.

Your memorialists cannot but observe, that all the Public Amusements, which are at present permitted, are Calculated exclusively for, and confined to the Gratification of the Rich, while theatrical Entertainments would Admit an indiscriminate Participation to all ranks in Society. And we apprehend it is for this Reason, that in all free States, since the Republic of Athens the PEOPLE have considered the amusements of the *Drama* peculiarly their own; and even in Monarchical Governments, where the Monarch is not Absolutely *Despotic* the hand of Power has not been able to Suppress them.

For these reasons, the Inhabitants of your Capital respectfully request the Legislature to take this Exceptionable Law into their serious Consideration, and, in repealing it, leave the Citizen at Liberty, by a resort to an Innocent & rational amusement, to seek and Promote his own happiness and, as in Duty bound, shall Ever Pray &c —

John Lucas ℘r. order

[**326.**] The aforegoing remonstrance having been read, The Same was accepted almost Unanimously —

The Aforegoing Committee also reported the following set of instructions which were also Accepted with A Like Majority — Vizt.

First, RESOLVED — That our representatives be and they hereby are instructed, to renew their Exertions in the next Session of the Legislature, to effect a Repeal of the Law, which prohibits Theatrical Exhibitions within the Commonwealth, at least so far as respects the Town of *Boston*, or any other Town that may petition the Legislature for that purpose. —

Second, Resolved, that we shall consider counter-petitions, or any other methods, which A minority of the Inhabitants may adopt to defeat the Wishes of the Town, as irregular and unkind. —

Third, Resolved, That, the thanks of the Town be given to our Representatives, who by their late Efforts, Endeavored to procure a repeal of the Law in question; and that Thomas Crafts Esqr. Leonard Jarvis Esqr., Mr. Joseph Russell, John Lucas Esqr., Perez Morton, Esqr. Mr. John Quincy Adams, Paul Revere Esq., Mr. Edward Tuckerman, Samuel Bradford Esqr., Mr. Jno. Brazer [**327.**] Jabez Hatch Esqr., Mr. William Little, Samuel Brown Esqr., Abiel Smith Esqr., Henry Jackson Esqr., Samuel Cooper Esqr., Mr. Harrison G. Otis, William Powell Esqr., Joseph Blake Junr., Mr. John Barrett and Mr. William Deblois, be a Committee to co-operate with them in such measures, as may be Thought expedient, to give effect to the Petition and remonstrance, which the Town will Present to the Legislature on this Subject.

Fourth. Resolved, That the respect Justly due to the sentiments of our fellow Citizens must operate as an indispensible Obligation to explain our Sense of the Nature and Tendency of the Law against Dramatic Entertainments, as well as the Ideas of the views and Principles which govern the Inhabitants on this occasion; and we should be unhappy to conceive that an opinion could prevail of our Abhorrence of Vice, or of our Love of Virtue, being diminished, when we venture to assert, that the Law under Consideration is neither consonant to the Spirit of Liberty, nor agreeable to the Liberal Principles, upon which our happy Constitution of Government is established; A Constitution which Scarcely admits of general restraints upon the Natural rights of the Citizen [**328.**] to prevent partial abuses or imaginary evils in the exercise of them; and it is no less for this reason than from the high opinion we have uniformly cherished of the manners and virtue of our Fellow-Citizens, That we have the fullest persuasion, that the Penal Statutes of the Government, and that Just detestation of Vice and immorality of every kind, which both reason and Religion inculcate, will be found amply Sufficient for the invaluable Objects they are intended to secure, without the equivocal aid of Prohibitory Regulations, founded in an impolitic jealousy of the Views and dispositions of the *People*, and unwarranted either by the Voice of Reason, or the Dictates of experience —

Fifth. Resolved, That the aforesaid Committee be authorized and desired to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, with a Copy of these Resolutions, and present to him, in the name of the Inhabitants of the Town the following Address;

May it Please your Excellency —

Your fellow Citizens, the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, have determined to Solicit [**329.**] the Legislature, at their Next Session, for a repeal of the Law, which Prohibits Theatrical Entertainments within the Commonwealth; and they have Thought proper to request your Excellencys aid on this occasion as they cannot conceive, from your Enlightened opposition to every encroachment on the Sacred Limits of the Constitution, that you would decline to Afford every proper support to an application, which at once contemplates. the establishment of an elegant and rational amusement, — and the repeal of a compulsory Statute, formed in violation, not only of those liberal maxims which Your Excellency's Administration has hitherto vindicated and confirmed, but of that Confidence In the virtue and discretion of the *People* which You have uniformly expressed and inculcated —

Adjourned to the 14th. day of January Next at 12 O'Clock A : M : —

Town Met According to Adjournment

Adjourned to Tuesday 22d. Jany. Instant 3 O'Clock P : M : —

[330.] At A Meeting of the freeholders and Other inhabitants of the Town of Boston Qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth and legally Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall On Monday the 14th. January Anno Domini 1793. 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for Calling the Meeting — read

Precept for the supreme Executive for the Choice of One Representative for the Congress of the United States, for the District of this Commonwealth — read —

It was then Declared by the Selectmen that The Poll would be closed at half past 1. O'Clock P : M : That the Votes be received at the Table, and the Bells to begin to Ring at 1. O'Clock & Continued tolling untill half past One O'Clock —

Persons Voted for as Representatives to Represent the said District, Vizt. Suffolk. Essex & Middlesex in Congress of the United States — all of whom are Inhabitants of One or Another of Said Counties Vizt.

		Votes
	Honble Benjamin Austin Junr. Esqr. —	635
	James Bowdoin - - - Esqr. —	363
[331.]	Samuel Sewall Esqr. —	178
	Honble. Samuel Holten Esqr. —	3
	Honble. William Heath Esqr. —	2
	Honble. Stephen Higginson Esqr. —	1
	Total 1182.	

Attest Copy of The Persons Voted for, for One Representative to represent the first District Vizt. Suffolk, Essex, and Middlesex in the Congress of the United States were Committed to the Secretary of this Common Wealth and the return Sealed up in Town Meeting Superscribed as follows. Vizt. —

For John Avery Esqr.
Secretary of the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

List of VOTES for one Representative to represent the first District, Vizt. Suffolk, Essex, and Middlesex, from the Town of Boston in said District

Then The Meeting was
Dissolved

[332.] Town Met according to Adjournment January 22d. 1793. 3. O'Clock P : M : —

The Committee appointed on the 21st. of Decr. last, to consider

and report what Proposals should be offered on the Part of the Town to the Committee of the Legislature on the Subject of erecting a State House for the Commonwealth, within the Town of Boston, — Report: That it is expedient that A Committee should be immediately raised with plenary Powers to contract on the Part of the Inhabitants for the Grant and Conveyance of any Peice of Ground, the Property of the Town, Suitable for such Buildings as the State may think necessary to the sole use and benefit of the Commonwealth — And that the Committee be further authorized; to make this other proposal

That if the Commonwealth will grant to the Town all their Estate in the present State House and the Old Province House, and the Land appurtenant thereto. that in such Case the Town shall and will Erect a New State House for the Commonwealth on any Spot of Ground within the Limits of the Town, being the Towns property, which the Legislature shall elect, and on any Model they shall direct, provided the whole expence shall not exceed Nine Thousand Pounds, [**333.**] and on Condition that the Commonwealth shall Grant. Two Thousand Pounds to the Town in addition to the real Property, to be conveyed as before stipulated. All which is Submitted by order of.

William Tudor —

January 14th. 1793 —

The Report having been read and Considered The Question was put, Whether the Town will Accept the Same. Passed in the Affirmative unanimously

Also Voted, That William Tudor Esqr.
William Eustis Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Perez Morton Esqr.
Mr. Daniel Austin
John Coffin Jones Esqr.
Mr. Treasurer Russell
Be A Committee to Effect the Purposes of this Report

All matters Unfinished referred to the Next General Town Meeting —

Voted, That the Thanks Of The Town be and hereby are given, To Thomas Crafts Esqr. for his good Services as Moderator of the meeting —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

[**334.**] At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, Duly qualified and Legally warned in

Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 13th. day of February Anno Domi. 1793. 10. O'Clock A : M :

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr. was Chosen The Moderator by A hand Vote —

The Article in the Warrant — Vizt.
To take into Consideration the Petition of the Directors of West Boston Bridge relative to the Hospital at That part of The Town — read, and on Motion

Voted, That This Matter be left to the Selectmen for them to Act thereon as they shall Judge Proper. —

The Article in the Warrant — Vizt.
To take into Consideration the Petition of A Number of the Inhabitants That measures may be taken for to Prevent the Erecting and building on a Passage way, between the Rope walks at the Southeasterly Part of the Town which has for many Years laid Open — read and largely debated, and on motion [**335.**] Voted, That A Committee be appointed to Confer with the Committee of The General Court, on the Petition of Jeffery Richardson, and to Use their Exertions in Case the Said Land mentioned in said Petition is to be sold, That so much thereof may be reserved for the Town as is Necessary for its Security and accomodation, also

Voted, That Honble. Caleb Davis Esqr.
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Harrison G. Otis Esqr.
Loring Austin Esqr.
Mr. Archibd. Mc.Neal —
Be A Committee for the Purpose Aforesaid —

Voted That all matters unfinished at this meeting. be referred Over to the Next General Town Meeting —

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town Be, and hereby are given to the Honorable Thomas Dawes Esqr. for his good Services as Moderator of This Meeting —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

[**336.**] At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of The Town of Boston duly qualified and Legally Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall On Monday,

The Eleventh day of March Anno Domini 1793 — 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. Doctor Walter —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read

Sundry Laws to be read at this meeting — read —

The Town having Voted to come to the Choice of A Moderator by A hand Vote. —

Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
was Chosen Moderator. of This Meeting —

The Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for a Town Clerk and the same being brought in and counted it Appeared That —

William Cooper
Was chosen Town Clerk for the year Ensuing and the Oath of Office was Administered to him by M^{r}. Justice Crafts —

The Inhabitants were directed to Withdraw and bring in their Votes for Nine Selectmen [**337.**] And upon Sorting them it appeared that the Following Gentlemen — Viz^{t}. —

Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
Deacon William Boardman
M^{r}. Ebenezer Seaver
Thomas Craft Esqr.
Thomas Edwards — Esqr.
M^{r}. William Little
M^{r}. Charles Bulfinch
William Scollay
Were Chosen Selectmen for the Year Ensuing —

The Inhabitants having as Directed brought in their Votes for 12 Overseers of the Poor — on Counting and sorting the Same it appeared that

Jonathan Mason Esqr.
John White — Esqr.
Edward Proctor — Esqr.
John Sweetser — Esqr.
Samuel Parkman — Esqr.
Jonathan L. Austin Esqr
M^{r}. Edward Edes —
Henry Hill — Esqr.
John Codman Junr. Esqr.
M^{r}. William Smith
William Phillips Junr. Esqr.
Stephen Goreham Esqr.
Were chosen Overseers of the poor for The year Ensuing —

[338.] The Votes being brought in Counted and Sorted for 16 Firewards. it appeared —

That Mr. Thomas Tileston
John Winthrop Esqr.
Thomas Melvill Esqr.
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Clarke
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
Mr. Edward Edes
Samuel Parkman Esqr.
Amasa Davis Esqr.
Mr. Russell Sturgis
Henry Jackson Esqr.
Capt. Mungo Mackay
William Scollay Esqr.
William Little Esqr.
Mr. James Tisdale
Joseph May Esqr.

Were chosen Fire wards for the Year Ensuing —

The Article in the Warrant — Vizt.
To Choose A School Committee — read. Whereupon —

Voted. That in Addition to the selectmen Twelve Persons shall Now be Chosen and the following Gentlemen were accordingly Chosen ℘r. ballot — Vizt.

Honble Thomas Dawes — Esqr.
Revd. Samuel West
Revd. John Lothrop D.D.
John Coffin Jones Esqr.
Jonathan L. Austin Esqr.
[339.] William Tudor Esqr.
Doctor Thomas Welsh
Doctor Nathaniel Appleton
Revd. John Clarke
Mr. William Smith
Doctor Aaron Dexter
George Richards Minot Esqr. Also

Voted, That the Aforegoing Committee Who Conjunctly with the Selectmen are to be termed The School Committee be and hereby are directed to carry *the New System of Education* which has been Adopted by the Town into operation, And said Committee are Also Authorized and impowered *Conjunctly* to Manage and regulate the Officers and Government of the Schools and in future to Exercise all the Powers relating to the School and its Schoolmasters which the Selectmen And Such Committee are Authorized by the Laws of the Commonwealth or the Votes of This Town to Exercise Any former Votes of the Town Notwithstanding —

Votes, for A Treasurer for the County of Suffolk. brought in and Counted by the Moderator & The Town Clerk; when it appeared that the whole Number was Three hundred and Three And that they were all for Thomas Craft Esqr. A discreet and Suitable person being a Freeholder & Resident in the Same County — The Attested Copy thereof was given to Ezek^{l}. Price Esqr. Clerk of the Sessions by Coll —. Crafts —

[340.] Voted, That the Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Herman Brimmer Esqr.
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
Be, and hereby are appointed A Committee to Audit the Accompts of the Town Treasurer, and Also the accounts of the Selectmen, And Overseers of the Poor, And said Committee are directed to report the Sum Necessary to be raised for the Service of the Present Year —

Voted, That the Assessors be, and hereby are directed to set for such Abatements of Taxes, as they shall Judge reasonable, Two days in Each Week after the delivery of the Tax Books to the Collectors, for the Space of Six Weeks and no longer (Saving That they be allowed to Set The Last Week in February,) Lords days excepted for the abatement of the Taxes of Such Persons as had not the opportunity of Applying in the above Limited time by reason of Their being out of the Commonwealth or any Other Unavoidable hindrance, And That the Assessors themselves, Determine upon the said Two days, which is to be noted on the Tax bills to be delivered to The Inhabitants. —

Voted, That the Consideration of all Money matters be referred over Until the Next May Meeting —

[341.] Jirah Holbrooks Petition read, and After Debate — It was moved and Voted that the Said Petitioner have Leave to withdraw his Petition

M^{r}. Joseph Russell was Chosen Town Treasurer for the Year Ensuing Unanimously, And the Oath of Office Administred to him by the Town Clerk —

Voted, That the Town Treasurer give Bond with Sureties, To the Satisfaction of the selectmen In the Penalty of Ten Thousand Pounds for the faithful Discharge of the Duties of his Office —

Messrs Benjamin White
John Ballard
Moses May
Andrew Townsend
William Todd
Were Chosen Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing —

Messrs Thomas Bradley
Nathan Green
David Hollis
Mathew Loring
Were Chosen Sealers of Leather for [the] Year Ensuing —

The Gentlemen Selectmen —
Were Chosen Surveyors of Highways the Year Ensuing

[342.] Messrs William McNeil
Jeffrey Richardson
Were Chosen Surveyors of Hemp the Year Ensuing —

M^{r}. Adam Colson
Was Chosen an Informer of Deer for the Year Ensuing

Messrs. Edward Jones
Francis Booth
Samuel Curtis
Were Chosen Haywards for the Year Ensuing —

Messrs. Joseph Egner
Henry Davis
Were Chosen Hogreeves for the Year Ensuing —

John Lucas — Esqr.
Edward Tuckerman Esqr.
Were Chosen Surveyors of Wheat The Year Ensuing —

Messrs. John Skinner
Samuel Green
Were Chosen Assay Masters the Year Ensuing —

Messrs John Ballard
Benjamin Homans
Jirah Holbrook
William Cunningham
Were Chosen Sealers of Wood for the Year Ensuing —

Vote, relative to referring the Choice of Collectors. Vote May meeting. Passed, and afterwards reconsidered, —

[343.] The Honble Caleb Davis Esqr.
Thomas Russell Esqr.
Were Chosen into the Office of Fire Wards for the Year Ensuing and having declined Serving —

Voted, That the Thanks of The Town be and hereby are Given to the Aforenamed Gentlemen for Their good Services as Firewards A Number of Years past

Votes, being brought in for Twelve Constables, It appeared That the following Persons were Chosen — Viz^{t} —

Messrs Shubael Hews
Benjamin Homans
John Bosson
John Cades
John Butterfield
Andrew Townsend
Samuel White
James Perkins
David Lewis
Thomas Stevenson
Enoch May
Robert Smallpeace

Then the Town Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P : M :

[**344.**] At 3 O'Clock P : M : Town Met According to the Adjournment —

The dangerous Attack on Saturday night Last, On the Safety of the Town, together with the Measures taken by the Gentlemen Selectmen on the Occasion, having been represented in the Meeting it was Moved and Voted, That Thomas Crafts Esqr
Capt. James Prince
Capt. Russell Sturgis
John Andrews Esqr.
Amasa Davis Esqr.
Be A Committee To take up this matter and report As Soon as may be, A Proper Vote or Votes to be passed by the Town on this Occasion —

Votes, being brought in for Five Assessors It Appeared, That the following Persons were Chosen Assessors for the Year Ensuing — Viz^{t}.

Messrs. William Lowder
Gyles Harris Esqr.
Caleb Blanchard
Samuel Ruggles Esqr.
John R. Sigorney

Messrs. John Champney
Joshua Bentley
Samuel Dyer
Benjamin Page
[**345.**] James Rogers
Abraham Hayward
Benjamin White

Daniel Ingersoll
James Robbins
Edmund Ranger
James Blake
John Cogswell
Were Chosen Surveyors of Boards for the Year Ensuing

Messrs James Perkins
William Payne
Thomas Crafts Junr.
James Cutler
Edward Blake
Edward Cushing
John Webb Checkley
William Jarvis
Thomas Amory Junr.
John Gardner
John Lothrop Junr.
John Fox
Were Chosen Clerks of the Market for the Year Ensuing

The Committee relative to the Enormity of Saturday Night Last — Reported, Whereupon the following Votes were Passed, unanimously as Reported by the Committee — Viz^t. —

Whereas. On Saturday Evening Last, Several of the Towns Fire Engines received Considerable [**346.**] Damage by Some Lawless Villain or Villians Unknown; And other Daring and Dangerous Enormities were Committed against The Peace and Safety of the Inhabitants, — And Whereas the selectmen have given Publick information, That they would pay The Sum of Two Hundred Dollars, to Any Person or Persons who Should Discover and lead to Conviction, The Author or Authors of such daring Outrages. —

Voted, That the Town highly Approve, and Adopt The Conduct of their Selectmen in this Respect; and, That the Town-Treasurer be, and he is hereby Order'd to pay Said Sum of Two hundred Dollars, whenever the Selectmen shall Issue their Warrant Therefor, — And further, in order to discover the Author or Authors of such Villainy, it is — *Voted*, That the Constables Imediately Divide themselves into Classes, and Visit the Several Publick Houses within the Town to know what Company Was there on *Saturday* Evening Last, and the Time, and Their behaviour, when they left the same, and in case they have any reasonable Suspicion of any Person or Persons, that they give Notice to the Selectmen, in Order that an Enquiry and Prosecution may be Commenced against them: And as an Inducement to the Several Constables to be diligent in their Duty, it is [**347.**] *Voted*, That the Constable or Constables, who shall

Discover, So as to lead to a Conviction of the Offender or Offenders, He, or they, shall be entitled to *Fifty Dollars*, to be paid by a draft from the Selectmen, on the Town Treasurer; And to Prevent a Repetition of Such Lawless Conduct in future, it is *Voted*, That the Representatives of the Town be immediately requested to use their Influence in the General Court, that a Law may be made, inflicting a severe punishment on any Person or Persons, who shall wickedly or wantonly destroy, or Damage any of The *Town — Engines*, *Pumps*, or *Publick Ladders*.

Voted, That the foregoing Votes be published. —

Mees^rs^ Henry Purkitt
Joseph Loring
William Parkman
Edward Burt
George Singleton
Joseph Basset
Thomas Barber
Thomas Foster
Jonathan Cushing
Lemuel Gardner
John Bray
Hezekiah Hudson
James Barry

[**348.**] Adjourned to Monday 8th. day April 10. O'Clock A : M :

At a Meeting of the male inhabitants of The Town of Boston of 21 Years of age and upwards Qualified as the Constitution Prescribes, and Legally Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday The first day of April Anno Dom^i^. 1793 —

Prayer was made by the Rev^d^. M^r^. West —

Warrant for Calling the Meeting - - Read —

Paragraphs of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment relative to the Choice of Governor, Lieu^t^. Governor and Senators — read —

It was then declared by the Selectmen —
That no Votes would be received but Such as are Unfolded; and That they Propose the Poll shall be Closed at half past 12 O'Clock. The Votes to be received at the Table and the Bells begin their Tolling at 12 O'Clock. —

Persons Voted for as Governor wth. the N°. of Votes for Each Person

	Votes
His Excellency John Hancock Esqr. - - - - - -	1124
Honble. Elbridge Gerry Esqr. - - - - -	34
Honble. Francis Dana Esqr. - - - - - -	15
Harrison Gray Otis Esqr. - - - - - -	1
M^{r}. Benjamin Adams - - - - - - - -	2

[**349.**] Persons Voted for as Lieu^{t}. Governor with The Number of Votes for Each Person — Viz^{t}.

	Votes
His Honor Samuel Adams Esqr. - - - - - - -	1171
Honble Thomas Russell Esqr. - - - - - - -	5
Honble James Sullivan Esqr. - - - - - - -	1
Honble Benjamin Lincoln Esqr. - - - - - -	1
James Bowdoin Esqr. - - - - - - -	1
M^{r}. Joseph Lillie - - - - - - - -	1

Persons Voted for as Senators for the County of Suffolk, with the Number of Votes for each Person

			Votes
Honble	Thomas Dawes	Esqr. - - -	1150
Honble	Stephen Metcalf	Esqr. - - -	1192
Honble	Benjamin Austin	Junr. - - -	679
Honble	William Heath	Esqr. - - -	336
Honble	Oliver Wendell	Esqr. - - -	1183
	James Bowdoin	Esqr. - - -	577
Honble	Thomas Russell	Esqr. - - -	61
Honble	Cotton Tuffts - - -	Esqr. - - -	508
	John Read - - - -	Esqr. - - -	846
	Ebenezer Thayer Ju^{r}.	Esqr. - - -	512
	Ebenezer Warren - -	Esqr. - - -	16
	Ebenezer Thayer - -	- - - - - -	58
	Charles Jarvis - - -	Esqr. - - -	2
Honble	Stephen Higginson	Esqr. - - -	6
Honble	William Phillips	Esqr. - - -	5
[**350.**] Honble	John Coffin Jones	Esqr. - - -	1
	William Eustis - - -	Esqr. - - -	1
Honble	Caleb Davis - - - -	Esqr. - - -	2
	Jonathan Mason - -	Esqr. - - -	2
	Honble Azor Orne - -	Esqr. - - -	1

Attested Copies of The Persons Voted for As Governor, Lieu^{t}. Governor and Senators for the County of Suffolk, were Committed to the Secretary of This Commonwealth and the Inclosures Sealed up in The Town Meeting, Superscribed as follows — Viz^{t}.

For

John Avery Esqr.

Secretary of The Commonwealth

of Massachusetts —

The Number of *Votes* of The Town of Boston for A *Governor*, Lieu^{t}. *Governor* and Six Senators for the County of Suffolk. Certified within and Sealed up in the Town Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

[**351.**] At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth Legally Warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall. On Monday the first day of April Anno Domini 1793. 3 O'Clock P : M :

Warrant for Calling the meeting - - read —

Precept from the Supreme Executive for the choice of One Representative for the Congress of the United States for the first district of this Commonwealth read, and it was then declared by the Selectmen that the Poll would be closed at 6 O'Clock, That the Votes be received at the Table Unfolded and the Bells to begin tolling half past 5. O'Clock —

Persons *Voted* for as one *Representative* to Represent The first District Viz^{t}. Suffolk. Essex and Middlesex in the Congress of the United States, all of whom are Inhabitants of one or other of said Counties — Viz^{t}.

Honble. Samuel Holton - - - - - - - -	566
Honble. Benj^{a}. Austin Junr. - - - - - -	770
James Bowdoin Esqr. - - - - - -	1

An Attested Copy of the Persons Voted for as A Representative to represent the first District Viz^{t}. Suffolk Essex and Middlesex in the [**352.**] Congress of the United States, were Committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth and the Return Sealed up in the Town Meeting Superscribed as follows — Viz^{t}.

For John Avery Esqr.
Secretary of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

List of *Votes* for one Representative to Represent the First District — Viz^{t}. Suffolk, Essex and Middlesex from the Town of Boston in the Said District —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved — .

[**353.**] Monday, April 8th. 1793. 10-O'Clock in the Forenoon ; Met According to Adjournment of March meeting —

M^{r}. George Cammell was Chosen A Hogreave for the Year Ensuing —

M^{r}. Edward Wild was Chosen A Sealer of Wood for the Year Ensuing —

M^{r}. Job Wheelwright was Chosen A Culler of Hoops &c. for the Year Ensuing —

M^{r}. Samuel Hewes was Chosen A Clerk of the Market for the Year Ensuing —

The Selectmen Laid before the Town A Letter from Mr. [blank] of Rotterdam together with A Pamphlet Containing Prescriptions for Mitigating the Malignity of the Small Pox, — whereupon Voted, That the Selectmen be A Committee to make reply to said Letter and To Convey the Compliments of the Town, for his benevolence in Communicating said Prescriptions. —

Voted, That all matters and things wch remained unfinished be referred over to the Next General Town meeting in May Next —

Voted That the Thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to the Hon^{l}. Thomas Dawes Esqr. for his good Services as Moderator

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

[**354.**] At A meeting of the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and Legally Warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 24th day of April. Anno Domini 1793 — at 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for calling the meeting — read
Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Chosen Moderator by A hand Vote —

The Inhabitants required to bring in their Votes for five Assessors; the Poll to be Closed at 1. O'Clock A : M :

On Motion Voted, that
The Honble. Benjamin Austin Junr. Esqr.
Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
William Tudor Esqr.
Thomas Edwards Esqr.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
Henry Hill Esqr.
M^{r}. John Kneeland

Be A Committee to Consider and report at the Adjournment the best mode for the Collecting of the Town Taxes —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. — To Consider what measures shall be taken for the more Effectual Security of The Town by Night — read [**355.**] Whereupon — Voted, That the article be referred to The Selectmen, they to Act thereon as they shall Judge best: for the regulation of the Watch and Security of the Town, by the Addition of men, or any New Arrangement of the Watch. - -

Votes being brought in for Five
Assessors It appeared That
Gyles Harris Esqr.
M^{r}. William Lowder
Samuel Ruggles Esqr.
John R. Sigorney Esqr.
M^{r}. Caleb Blanchard
Were Chosen Assessors for the Year Ensuing —

Adjourned to Monday Next being the 29th Instant at 10 O'Clock. A : M : —

Monday April 29th 1793. 10-O'Clock A : M. Town Met according to Adjournment —

The Committee to Consider the mode of Collecting the Town Taxes, Report as their Opinion, That The Mode for Collecting the Town Taxes be continued as usual untill Some Measures are Adopted for the Regulating the Town in its County Capacity
Benj^{a} Austin J^{r} ℘^{r} order —

This Report being read The Question was Put — Viz^{t} — whether the Same shall be accepted. Passed in the Affirmative —

[**356.**] Votes, being brought in for Four Collectors of Taxes. It appeared that —
Messrs. Benjamin Henderson
Thomas Bayley
James Thompson
Benjamin Jepson
Were Chosen Collectors of Taxes for the Year Ensuing —

On Motion Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be given to The Honble Thomas Dawes for his good Services as Moderator

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

At A Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified and Legally Warned in Public

Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall, On Wednesday the 8th. day of May. Anno Domini 1793. 10. O'Clock A : M

Prayer was made by the Revd. Doctr. Belknap

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

[357.] That part of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment which relates to the Choice of Representatives, read

Sundry Laws to be read at Said Meeting were accordingly — read —

The Town having determined by Vote for to Choose Several Persons to represent them in the General Court of Massachusets to be held in the State house in Boston, On the Last Wednesday in May current, agreeably to the Constitution or frame of Goverment for the Massachusets —

The Inhabitants were directed by the selectmen to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Seven representatives, and then it was declared by the Selectmen That no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded and that they intend the Poll shall be closed at half past 12-O'Clock — the Bell to toll A Little before that time —

The Votes being brought in for Seven representatives the Number of the Same were found to be 337 — and upon sorting them it Appeared, That the Seven following Gentlemen [358.] Obtained A Majority of Votes — Vizt.

		Votes
William Tudor - - - - - - -	Esqr.	324
Charles Jarvis - - - - - - -	Esqr.	325
Jonathan Mason - - - - - -	Esqr.	303
John Collin Jones - - - - - -	Esqr.	336
William Eustis - - - - - - -	Esqr.	335
Joseph Blake - - - - - - -	Esqr.	300
Thomas Edwards - - - - - -	Esqr.	292

Declaration was Then made by the Selectmen of the Town, That the Seven aforenamed Gentlemen Were Chosen representatives by A Majority of Votes —

The Meeting was then Adjourned to 3. O'Clock P : M :

At 3. O'Clock P : M : The Town Met According To Adjournment —

The choice of Representatives being over it was moved and Voted, That the Town will now come to the choice of A Modera-

tor by A hand Vote to Transact the other business mentioned in the Warrant —

The Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr

Was Chosen Moderator accordingly —

The Committee to Audit the Town Treasurers Acco^{ts} had leave to report at the Adjournment of this meeting —

[**359.**] Capt. Roger Bartlet
Capt. Joseph Doble

Were Chosen Cullers of Dry fish for the Ensuing Year —

The Petition relative to the Pulling down of The Towns Shop Opposite to Concert Hall was read and Considered, when the Petitioners had Leave to withdraw their Petition —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. whether any Measures shall be taken for the Preservation of the Dam on the East side of the Neck — read —

Whereupon — Voted, That the

Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Thomas Craft Esqr.
M^{r}. Ebenezer Seaver
Deacon Boardman
Coll^{o}. William Scollay
M^{r}. William Little
Thomas Walley Esqr.

Be A Committee to Consider this Article and report Their opinion thereon at the Adjournment —

The Article in the Warrant relative to Continuing Lighting the Lamps — read, and after some debate

Voted, That the lighting the Lamps be discontinued until the Last day of September Next —

[**360.**] The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. Whether any, and what measures shall be taken for the Speedy Collection of the Arrears due on the Taxes for the Years 1791 & 1792 — read

Whereupon — Voted, That the

Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
M^{r}. Herman Brimmer
Joseph Russell Ju^{r}. Esqr.

Be A Committee to Consider this matter and to report at the Adjournment —

Adjourned to Friday the 24th day of May Instant at 10. O'Clock in the Forenoon —

Friday the 24th. day of May Instant the Town Met according to Adjournment —

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. Whether any measures shall be taken for the Prevention of the Dam on the East side of the Neck, having Attended that Service and ask leave to report as follows - - Viz^{t}.

That the Gentlemen Selectmen be requested to take such measures for the Speedy repairing the Dam on the East side of the Neck, as to them shall [**361.**] Appear most for the Interest of the Town. The Sum not to Exceed Three Hundred Pounds; and also that they see the Contract on the part of the Lessees on Each side of the Neck fully Adhered to

Thos. Dawes ℘^{r}. order.

The aforegoing report having been read and Considered The Question was put — Viz^{t}. Whether the Same shall be Accepted; Pass'd in the Affirmative

The Committee on that Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. Whether any or what measures shall be taken for the Speedy Collection of Arrears due on the Taxes for 1791 & 1792.

Reported; and after debate the Question being put, Whether said report shall be accepted, and it passed in the Negative —

Then the Town Adjourned to 4. O'Clock P: M:
At 4 O'Clock P: Met according to Adjournment —

On Motion — Voted. That the

Honble James Sullivan Esqr.
Charles Jarvis — Esqr.
Honble Benj^{a}. Austin Ju^{r}. Esqr.
Judge Tudor
Joseph Blake Ju^{r}. Esqr.
M^{r}. Treasurer Russell
Doctor Welch —

be A Com^{tee} To take up at large the Article in the Warrant relative to Arrears. due on Taxes & Report thereon Next Town Meeting —

[**362.**] The Committee to Audit Town Treasurers Accounts & Reported — whereupon it was moved and

Voted, The Consideration of this report and any other matters unfinished at this meeting — be referred over to the Next Town Meeting —

Voted, That the thanks of The Town be given to the Honorable Thomas Dawes Esqr. for his good Services as Moderator —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston. on Friday the 24th day of May Anno Domini 1793 — 11. O'Clock A : M : duly qualified and Legally Warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall

Warrant for calling the meeting — read —

The article in the Warrant — Vizt. To Consider the application of the Proprietors of West Boston bridge, That the high way leading from said bridge into Town may be put into such repair as to make it convenient for Passing & repassing was — read, and also said Application —

[**363.**] Voted, That the Gentlemen the Selectmen be A Committee to Consider on this matter and report thereon at the Adjournment —

The Article in the Warrant — Vizt. — Whether it will not be Expedient for the Town for to Instruct its Representatives to have the Excise Laws on Wheel Carriages and Licenses for Taverns, retail Houses &c to be repealed or Modified, That the Profits arising therefrom Be in future appropriated to the repairing the Streets and high ways of the Towns in which they are Collected — Also, and Whether the Law for the Valuation of Estates passed in the Last Session of the Legislature &c. ought not to be so Varied That the Sum Doom'd against any Town on account of any Inhabitants who have Since removed, Should not be set off to those Towns in which they Now reside As no Tax has been yet laid by Virtue of This Valuation — were read — Whereupon —

Voted, That the

Honble James Sullivan — Esqr.
Charles Jarvis — Esqr.
Honble Benjamin Austin Junr. Esqr.
Judge Tudor — Esqr.
Joseph Blake Junr. Esqr.
Mr. Treasurer Russell &
Doctor Welch

[**364.**] Be A Committee to take these Articles into Consideration. and to report thereon at the Adjournment of this meeting —

Adjourned to Friday Next being the 31st day of May Instant. at 10 O'Clock A : M : —

Friday May 31st. 1793 — 10 O'Clock A : M : Town Met according to Adjournment —

Coll– Dawes the Moderator of the meeting not being able to Leave the Senate —

Thomas Craft Esqr. was Chosen the Moderator Pro. tempore —

The Committee relative to Arrears due on Taxes Report as follows — Viz^{t}. —

At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Town On Friday the 24th. day of May, Ins^{t}. to consider what measures will be proper for the Town to take for the Speedy Collection of the Taxes for 1791 & 1792. It was moved and —

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be A Committee to Apply to the Several Collectors of Taxes and obtain from them A List of the names of such Persons as have refused to pay their Taxes, And then that he apply to the respective Persons whose Names may be on Such List, to know the ground [**365.**] of their refusal, and what abatement they are desirous to have made, And report to the Committee

In Compliance with the above Vote. The Town Treasurer Immediately Applied to the Collectors and Obtained from them the Names of the following Persons who had refused Payment as aforesaid, with the Sums they were respectively Assessed, together with the abatements already made them by the Assessors — Viz^{t}. William Phillips Senr. —

For 1791 Tax	£756	,, 2	,, 5	
1792 ditto —	353	,, 13	,, 2	
				Abated £182 ,, —

William Phillips Junr.

For 1791 Tax	£149	,, 18	,, 5	
1792 ditto —	82	,, 17	,, 4	
				Abated £17 ,, 10 —

Joseph Barrell

For 1791 Tax —	317	,, 4	,, 5	
1792 ditto —	155	,, 5	,, 8	
				Abated £35 ,, —

Samuel Breck

For 1791 Tax —	309	,, 12	,, 10	
1792 ditto —	150	,, 14	,, 4	
				Abated — £21 ,, —

Theodore Lyman

For 1791 Tax —	120	,, 10	,, 5	
1792 ditto —	50	,, 1	,, 10	
				Abated £10 ,, 10 —

John Codman —			
For 1791 Tax —	125 ,,	12 ,,	—
1792 ditto	77 ,,	3 ,,	—
	Abated	11 ,,	10 —

The Town Treasurer having obtained the foregoing List [**366.**] in further compliance with the above vote of the Committee, waited on the respective Gentlemen therein Named, and informed them of the business whereto he was appointed, Observing to them Individually the unhappy situation of the Treasury, being totally Exhausted of money, and the only Source Left of A Supply was from the Taxes outstanding, of how much Importance it would be to the Town by Discharging their Tax bills — That if they felt themselves Overburdened with the weight of their Tax, It would be the wish of the Committee That they should be relieved, and that if they would name any Particular Sum as A reasonable Abatement, The Committee would report to the Town, and Urge A Compliance with their Wishes, by passing A Vote Authorizing the Assessors to make such abatements as would be most conducive to the Interest and Safety Of the Town —

The Answers the Treasurer, upon the Applications as above received were as follows — Viz^{t}.

M^{r}. William Phillips Junr. said he had paid his Taxes with Chearfulness. That he was willing to Pay A reasonable Tax, but the Tax of 1791 Assessed on him was Cruel, and that he had Never denied Payment, but Expected an abatement, but did not Name any Sum, — M^{r}. Theodore Lyman mentioned as the ground of his not [**367.**] paying his Tax, that it was unjustly Assessed on him in his Opinion, and that he had reported his Property to the Assessors 1790, and in Consequence thereof, that he was Assessed in that Year £24 — That in 1791, Although he had made Very Little Addition thereto, he was Assessed £120 ,, 18 ,, 5 Which he Considered unreasonable, That he had Often applied to the Assessors for relief but Could obtain but A Trifling Abatement, —

M^{r}. John Codman said he thought himself greatly Over taxed for the Year 1791. That if the Assessors Would take off £25 — from that Tax, he would pay the Ballance immediately, Otherwise he would not pay the Tax Unless he was Obliged to.

Mr. Samuel Breck Junr. informed, that he had Sometime Since received Letters from his Father Not to pay his Tax, but that he had Very Lately received Letters from him to Pay his Taxes for 1791 & 1792, Provided the Assessors would take off 15 ℘^{r}. Cent —

William Phillips Senr. said he had no proposition to make, That he had no favour to ask of the Town, That he thought himself cruelly treated, That if the Collectors insisted on his Paying his Tax as it now stood, he should Comply on his Signing A certain receipt, the form of which he had given Lately to the

Collector, That if the Committee should [**368.**] Report to the Town giving Authority to the Assessors to make any abatements on his Tax, he would Consider them but said at the same time he did not feel himself at all Obliged for the abatement already made —

Mr. Joseph Barrell said he should not Pay a farthing more than what could be recovered by Law of Either 1791 or 1792. And Looked on the abatement made him by the Assessors to be an Insult — The above being the Names of all the Persons who had refused Payment of Taxes, by the returnes of the Several Collectors, and the facts Stated aboue, are the reasons and Grounds they gave for non Payment, which is most respectfully Submitted to the Committee for their Consideration

Joseph Russell
Sub. Committee to the General Committee —

The aboue report being refered to the General Committee at their Adjournment on Thursday the 30th of May Inst. was then and there unanimously Accepted —

Whereupon, it was resolved, That the Collectors be Impowered and directed forthwith to distrain upon the Persons thus refusing to discharge their Tax bills and That the Town will indemnify the Collectors from any Damages that may Arise from such distreining and Collections, All which is most respectfully submitted

Benjamin Austin Junr ꝑr. order —

The Aforegoing report having been Considered the question was put Vizt. whether it shall be accepted — Passed in the Affirmative —

[**369.**] The Committee relative to Excise Laws on Carriages and reported — Whereupon, Voted, That the representatives of the Town of Boston be and they are hereby Instructed to use their Influence at the Present Session of the General Court, to have the Excise Laws on Wheel Carriages repealed or so Modified that the revenue arising therefrom be in future appropriated to repairing the Streets or high ways of the Towns in which they are Collected —

The Committee appointed on the application of the Proprietors of the West Boston Bridge for repairs of the High ways leading from said Bridge into this Town beg leave to report —

That they have Attended the Service and are of Opinion That the road leading from said bridge As far as Carnes buildings so called be laid out Fiftey feet wide. That the Same be repaired by raising the Road and grading the Same as far as Said Buildings. That the Hill from Temple Street to Said buildings be

lowered by Ploughing the same So as to make an Easy descent to the bridge, That there be A Paved Gutter of Nine feet wide from the Top of the Hill to the House called Simonds House

By an Estimate of the Expence that will Attend Compleating the aboue it is computed [**370.**] That the Sum of Eight hundred & forty seven pounds, Ten Shillings will be Necessary — your Committee further report That the Sum of Two hundred pounds be paid toward defraying the Same, upon the works being Completed to the Satisfaction of the Town, or any Committee they may appoint for that purpose — Ezekiel Price Chairman ℘r. order —

The Aforegoing Report having been read and Considered The Question was Put — Vizt. Whether the Same shall be accepted — Passed in the Affirmative — And the Same Committee are to carry The report into Execution

Adjourned to Friday being the 7th. day of June Next. at 3. O'Clock P. M:

On Friday the 7th. day of June The Town Met 3. O'Clock P. M. according to Adjournment

The Committee appointed to Audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer and examine the draughts of the Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor, and having Attended that Service — Report —

That the Treasurers accounts are right cast and are well Vouched, And find by his account now Exhibited A balance in favour of The Town of £12280 ,, 15 ,, 11¾ from which they Conceive A deduction will be made — Vizt.

[**371.**]	Bad Debts Say	£1300 ,, ——	
	Collectors Premium	450 ,, ——	
	Towns Powder - -	312 ,, 11 ,, 8	
	Abatement on 1792 Tax -	600 ,, ——	
		£2662 ,, 11 ,, 8	
	Real balance Suppose - - - - - - -		9618 ,, 4 ,, 3¾

The aboue Statement is as the Account Stood The first of March 1793. The Committee would therefore Advise to A Tax of £9000 — for the Expences of the Present Year which is Submitted

Thomas Dawes ℘r. ordr.

Boston May 24th. 1793 —

The aforegoing Report with the Papers Accompanying the Same having been read and Considered by the Town, The Question was put for its acceptance and Obtained —

Voted, That Nine Thousand Pounds be raised by A Tax Assessed on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town, to defray the Expences of the Current Year —

Voted, That the Sum of Two hundred Pounds be Allowed and Paid to Joseph Russell for his Services as Town Treasurer, the Present Year, the Same to be paid him in Quarterly Payments as it shall become due to Commence the first of March last

[372.] Voted, That the Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds be allowed and Paid to William Cooper for his Services as Town Clerk, the Present Year, The Same to be paid him Quarterly as it shall become due and to Commence the 1st. day of March last

Voted, That in Consideration of the rise of Provisions. The Assessors be and hereby are Allowed the Sum of £130 — Each for their Services As Assessors the Present Year the same to be paid them Quarterly as it shall become due and to Commence the first day of March last.

Voted, That Five per Cent be and hereby is Allowed to the Collectors of Taxes for the Year Ensuing for all such Sums of money & Public Securities As they shall Collect and pay in to the Several Treasurers, of the Sums Committed to them to Collect. Also That such Collectors shall give Bond with Sufficient Securities to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of their duty in Said Office and Complying with this Vote, And that they will not receive any Premium or gratuity for discounting any order, notes, or receipts, from the Treasurer of this State. or the Treasurer of this Town —

[373.] On Motion Voted, That the Assessors be Authorized To Attend the Committee of the Legislature on the Tax Act, And do their utmost Endeavors That the future Tax Acts be so worded and formed that the Proportion of Assessing the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants on their Town and County Taxes may be Explicit & Clear —

Voted, That all matters and things That remain Unfinished at this meeting be referred over to the next general meeting to be called —

Voted, That the thanks of the Town be given unto the Honorable Thomas Dawes and Coll— Crafts. for their good Services as — Moderators of this Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

[374.] At A Meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legaly warned in Public Town meeting, Assembled at Faneuil Hall On Thursday the 4th. day of July Anno Domini 1793. 9. O'Clock. A : M : —

Warrant for Calling the Meeting —

William Cooper
Was Chosen Moderator by A hand Vote. —

The Committee appointed the last Year to make choice of A Gentleman to deliver an Oration on The Anniversary of Independence — Reported —

That they had made Choice of John Quincy Adams Esqr., who has Accepted —

on motion Voted, That the Oration be delivered at the Old South Church. 12 O'Clock — Liberty therefor being Obtained

Voted, That the Selectmen Acquaint Mr. Adams with this Vote —

The meeting was then Adjourned to meet at the Old South Church. at 12. O'Clock this day —

AN ORATION

To Commemorate the Independence of the United States was delivered by John Quincy Adams Esqr. at the Old Brick Church —

[375.] On motion Voted, That the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed A Committee to wait on John Quincy Adams Esqr. And in the Name of the Town to Thank him for the Spirited and Elegant Oration this day delivered by him at the request of the Town, upon the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America in Which according to the Institution of the Town, He Considered the feelings, manners and Principles which Led to that great National Event, and to Request of him A Copy thereof for the Press —

Voted, That the Gentlemen the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed A Committee to apply to Some one Learned and able Gentleman to deliver an *Oration* On the 4th of July Anno Domini 1794. That day being the Anniversary of the *Independence* of the United States of America; Wherein the Orator is to Consider the feelings, manners, and Principles which led to this great National Event; as well as the important and happy Effects Whether General or domestic, which have Already and will forever Continue to flow from that Auspicious Epoch —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

[**376.**] At A meeting of the Freeholders and others, the Inhabitants of The Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall the 26th. day of July Anno Domini 1793. 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for Calling the meeting — read

Honorable Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Was Chosen Moderator of the meeting by A hand Vote

The Article in the Warrant. Vizt. To Enquire into the truth or Falsity of an Assertion in the *Centinel* this day that it *was generally known* That within Two or three days Privateers had been fitted out, Armed and Sailed from this Port. That others were now fitting out, Some manned and to be manned Partly by frenchmen, and Partly by the *Citizens* of the United States. Such Assertions having A direct tendency to Authorize Reports & Conclusions Very much to the disadvantage, not only of this Town at Large, but to the Country in General — was read —

Also the Centinel of Wednesday Last which Contains the Exceptionable Article. And after a full debate thereon, The following resolve was Past in A Very full Town Meeting — Vizt.

Whereas it has been published in the Centinel [**377.**] Of the 24th. Instant That it was Asserted in A *Merchants Meeting* That it was Generally known by the Inhabitants of the Town, That within Two or three days from that time Privateers had been fitted out Armed and had Sailed from this Port, that others were now fitting Out, Some manned & to be manned Partly by Frenchmen and partly by Citizens of the United States; and *Whereas* the inhabitants of this Town feel their reputation concerned in said Publication. *They hereby do Declare* in Town meeting Legally Assembled, That there was no Just foundation for the Assertions; but that the disposition of the Citizens of Boston is Entirely in favour of Observing the rules of A Strict neutrality respecting the powers at War in Europe —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

[**378.**] At A meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday The 26th day of August Anno Domini 1793. 3. O'Clock P : M :

Warrant for calling the meeting —read

Thomas Crafts Esqr. —
was Chosen Moderator of the meeting by A hand Vote.

The Selectmen having as the Law directs, laid before the inhabitants, Lists of the Persons of good Moral Character and such as they Judged well qualified to serve as Jurors; The Town then Proceeded to Examine said Lists, and Selected one Quarter part of The number being such as they Judged best qualified to Serve at the Supreme Judicial Court and their names being written on Separate pieces of Paper were put into one of the boxes, to be liable to be drawn out to Serve on the Petit Jury at the Supreme Judicial Court, and the remainder of said List, the Names being written On Separate papers were put into the other box Provided by the Selectmen to Serve on the Petit Jury at The Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, all being Done in [**379.**] Town Meeting and Strictly conformable to the Act *Entitled an act for the regulating the choice and Services of the Petit Jurors.* Passed the 16th. June 1784 —

Article relative to nuisances — read

Whereupon Voted, That this article be referred to A Committee to consider this matter at large and That the Selectmen, Coll— Dawes and Dr. Eustis be A Committee for the Purpose to report thereon as soon as soon as may be. —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Assembled At Faneuil Hall the 11th. day of September Anno Domini 1793.

Warrant for calling the meeting — read —

Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Was Chosen moderator By A hand Vote, —

The Article in the Warrant — Vizt.
On Application of Abutters On Lynn Street at the [**380.**] North part of the town to consider what measures to indemnify them for Land laid out into the Street Sometime Since for the Purpose of Widening the Same" was read and Considered Whereupon the Town —

Voted, That Mr. Graham be Assured Lynn Street shall be Valued by three indifferent men on oath, and be paid the Same agreeable to the said Award, also —

Voted, That the Selectmen be requested to appoint Three Indifferent Persons agreeable to Law, to Value the said Lands of abutters On Lynn Street, taken in by the Town in consequence of Widening the Same and make report of their doings at the Adjournment of the meeting —

Adjourned to Monday fortnight being the 30th September instant 10. O'Clock A : M :

Monday 10. O'Clock A : M : The Town Met according to Adjournment —

The Committee relative to Lynn Street Not having been able to report by reason of their attention being Engaged, in using Precautions to Prevent the introduction of the malignant disorder at Philadelphia — It was moved & Voted That this meeting be Adjourned to Monday Next the 7th. day of October Next at 10 O'Clock A : M :

[381.] Monday the 7th. day of October, 10 O'Clock A : M : The Town Met —

The Committee relative to Lynn Street Reported Verbally and had Leave to report again

Adjourned to monday the 21st. Instant

Monday 21st. Octor. 10 O'Clock A : M : —

Met according to Adjournment —

The Committee appointed to have the Lands of the abutters on Lynn Street Valued (taken by the Town in Consequence of Widening the Same) having attended that Service; and having Appointed three Indifferent Persons, Agreeable to A Vote of the Town to apprize and Value the Same, who having reported to us, there doings thereon. we now lay the Same before the Town for their Consideration —

William Boardman Chairman ꝑr. ordr.

The aforegoing report together with the Return made by the Committee having been read and Considered. The Question was put. whether the same shall be Accepted. Passed in the Affirmative —

At A meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Friday the 4th. day of October A. D. 1793, at 10 O'Clock

[382.] Warrant for calling the meeting — read

Thomas Crafts Esqr.
was chosen Moderator by A hand Vote —

The Article in the Warrant — Vizt. To Consider the propriety of Appointing one or more Persons, in each Ward in the Town,

to Assist the Selectmen in the duty lately incumbent on them relating to the infectious distemper Prevalent in Philadelphia, and to take such other measures respecting the Same as they may Judge Necessary was read, and Considered, and the following Votes thereon Passed — Viz^{t}. —

While we lament the Present unhappy & distressed Situation of our brethren in the City of Philadelphia, Yet the Preservation of our Own Lives and health, requires that every Exertion should be made to Prevent the introduction of the Contagious disease Now Prevailing in that City — Therefore — Voted, That the Town highly pprove of the Regulations Adopted by the Gentlemen the Selectmen to Prevent the Introduction of the said Disease —

Voted, That the Town will cheerfully Support the Selectmen In Carrying their regulations into the fullest effect, by their Personal Assistance whenever thereto required. —

[**383.**] Voted, That any Expences that may necessarily Arise in the Prosecution of the important trust of Preserving the inhabitants from the disease shall be cheerfully discharged —

Voted, That the Selectmen be desired to apply to the inhabitants for their removing the Filth of their Yards, and back Places into the Streets in order for its being Carried off at the expence of the Town —

Adjourned, to Monday the 7th. Instant At, 10 O'Clock, A : M : —

On October 7th, 10 O'Clock A : M : The Town Met, According to Adjournment —

on motion — Voted, That the thanks of the Town be given tc Judge Crafts for his exertions and good Services as Moderator of this Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

[**384.**] At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Friday the 11th. day of October 1793, 10 O'Clock A : M :

Warrant for calling the meeting — read

Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Chosen Moderator of this meeting by A hand Vote —

The Article in the Warrant Viz^{t}. — To consult what measures are Proper to be taken by the Town for Attending the funeral of his Excellency John Hancock Esqr. Late Governor of this Commonwealth deceas^{d}. That, every mark of Respect may be made by his *Fellow Citizens* to the Remains of So Illustrious A Patriot and Friend to Manhood, Whereupon the following Votes were Passed Unanimously —

In order to pay that respect to the Funeral Solemnities of his Excellency, the Late Govr. Hancock which is Suitable to the feelings of the Inhabitants on the Occasion. —

Voted, That it is recommended to the Inhabitants, That they shut their Stores and Shops At one of the Clock P : M : on Monday Next and Continue the Same Shut until the funeral Solemnities shall be Performed —

[**385.**] Voted, That the Selectmen be requested To Cause the Carriages, Trucks & other obstructions to be removed from State Street, and Other Streets where the Procession may be, On Monday afternoon

Voted, That the Selectmen be requested To order the Public Bells to be Tolled suitably On the Occasion —

Then The meeting was
Dissolved —

We the subscribers, being duly Appointed by The Selectmen of the Town of Boston, with the consent of the Persons interested, A Committee "to consider and report, the advantages and disadvantages, that the different abutters on Each side of Lynn Street (so called,) in the said Town of Boston, may have received in Consequence of Widening the Same; having carefully viewed the said Street, & the Several Lotts of Land contiguous thereto; & having duly considered the Advantages & disadvantages accruing to the Proprietors thereof, respectively, in Consequence of the said Alteration Report in manner following. — Viz^{t}.—

[**386.**] That there be allowed and paid, by the said Town of Boston, unto John Graham, in full Consideration for the repairs he has made on an Old House, Situate on the Southeast corner of said Lynn Street, opposite to the Globe Tavern (so called) The Sum of *Twenty four Pounds*, Provided he shall within A reasonable time, to be determined by the Selectmen of Boston, remove the part thereof which projects into said Street, and effectually fill up the Cellar under the Same. and that there be allowed and paid by said Town of Boston unto said John

Graham, the further Sum of *Twelve pounds* in full compensation for the Lands he will relinquish to accommodate Said Street. —

That, there be allowed and paid, by said Town of Boston unto the Heirs or Legal representatives of [Zachariah] Hildreth deceased the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, in full compensation for the Lands he will relinquish for the Purpose aforesaid —

That there be allowed and paid, by said Town of Boston unto Deacon [Richard] Smith the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* in full Compensation for that part of an Old House which projects into said Street; Provided he shall remove the Same in A reasonable time to be determined by the Selectmen of Boston — Also that [387.] there be allowed and paid unto said [Richard] Smith the further sum of *Nine pounds* in full Compensation for the Lands he will relinquish for the Purpose aforesaid. —

That, There be allowed and paid, by the Said Town of Boston unto Elij^h^. Swift. the Sum of *Five Pounds* in full Compensation for that part of his House which Projects into said Street; Provided he shall remove the same in A reasonable time, to be determined by the Selectmen of Boston; Also, that there be allowed unto Said Swift the further Sum of *Four Pounds* in full Compensation for the Loss of A Well of water, and the Lands he will relinquish for the purpose aforesaid —

That, there be allowed and paid, by said Town of Boston, Unto the Heirs or Legal representatives. of Benjamin Brown deceased the Sum of *Twelve Pounds* in full Compensation for the Land they will relinquish for the purpose aforesaid —

That, there be allowed and paid by the said Town of Boston unto James White. the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, in full Compensation of an old Brick Tenement the greater part of which Projects into said Street; Provided he shall remove the Same within A reasonable time to be determined by the [388.] Selectmen of Boston, also that there shall be allowed and paid, unto the said White the further Sum of *Twenty Pounds* in full Compensation for the Land he will relinquish for the Purpose aforesaid —

That there be Allowed and paid, by said Town of Boston unto David Townsend, the Sum of *Five Pounds*, for the Lands he will relinquish of his Easterly Lott, for the Purpose aforesaid —

That there be allowed and paid by said Town of Boston unto to the Owners or Proprietors of the Several Lotts of Land Situate on the Southerly side of said Lynn Street, their heirs or legal representatives respectively not herein before Particularised, from [John] Graham's House at the Corner First mentioned, to [James] White's House — inclusively, The following Sums — Viz^t^. for the

Lands relinquished out of each Lott which does not extend Aboue Ninety feet Southerly, from the Original bounds of said Lynn Street, the sum of *Six Shillings* for each and every foot in length which they may relinquish for the purpose aforesaid —

And also the owners or Proprietors of the several Lotts of Land, from said Grahams Corner first mentioned, Whose lotts Extend more then Ninety, and not Exceeding One [**389.**] hundred & Twenty feet Southerly from the Original bounds of said Lynn Street, The Sum of *Three Shillings* for Each and every foot in length which they may relinquish for the Purpose aforesaid. —

The Owners or Proprietors of the Several Lotts of Land, Whose Lotts Extend Southerly from the Original Bounds of said Lynn Street more than One hundred and Twenty feet will, in our opinion, receive an ample compensation for the Lands they will relinquish, by the benefit they will derive from the widening & improving said Street. —

And Whereas, the owners or proprietors of the Several Lotts of Land Situate on the Northerly side of said Lynn Street, from the Globe Tavern (so called) to a Stake marked in A plan thereof, being Nine hundred and Sixty Six feet, and whose Lotts Extend Northerly to Low water Mark, will derive great Advantages by the widening and improving the Same, and it Appears Just and reasonable that they should Contribute in A due Proportion towards the Charge thereof

We therefore, Pursuant to the Agreement aforesaid, Do hereby Assess upon Each and Every of the Owners and Proprietors aforesaid, their, and each of their Heirs and legal representatives, The Sum of [**390.**] *Three Shillings* for each and every foot of Lands which may be bounded on the said Street as aforesaid, The Lotts from Samuel Greenwoods Westerly to Corner of Benjamin Goodwins west corner excepted. — to be paid unto the Treasurer of said Town of Boston When thereto required as the Selectmen shall direct, And to be applied as far as the Same will go, towards defraying the Charge of Widening and improving the same. Dated at Boston aforesaid, the seventh day of October Anno Domini 1793 —

John Reed }
Joseph Cordis } Committee
Thomas Clarke }

Suffolk ss :

Boston Octo^{r}. 7th 1793. Then Personally Appeared John Reed Joseph Cordis & Thomas Clarke and Severally made Oath that they have Performed the with[in] mentioned duty to the best of their Skill and knowledge — Before me Thomas Crafts Jus Peace.

The Committee's Charge for time & Expences £2 ,, 2 ,, —
Attst. William Cooper Town Clerk

On Motion Voted That the Thanks of the Town be given to Judge Crafts for his good Services as Moderator —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

[**391.**] At A meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Thursday the 13th day of February A. D. 1794. 10 O'Clock A : M :

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

Thomas Crafts Esqr.
chosen Moderator by A hand Vote,

The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. —
That at the Request of A number of the inhabitants of the Town, deeply concerned in the Prosperity of our *Trade in General* and of the Carrying Trade in particular, The inhabitants would take into consideration this *highly interesting Subject* and Devise Such measures as may best express the Sentiments of the Town. Thereupon was read, — And after A fair and Candid investigation came into the following resolution with Scarce A dissenting Vote — Viz^{t}. *Resolved* That in the opinion of the Inhabitants of this Town the Carrying Trade is of the highest importance to the Strength, Wealth & independence of the United States

[**392.**] *Resolved*, That A Committee be appointed to Consider and report the State of the Trade at large and to prepare resolutions for the Towns consideration respecting the effects which certain restrictions laid On the Trade of America by European Nations have, as the same and to report such resolutions as may have A proper influence on our representatives in Congress to induce the Passing of such Acts as may tend to guard Protect and regulate the American Commerce in General —

Voted, That Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Perez Morton Esqr.
Samuel Brown Esqr.
John C. Jones - - Esqr.
James Sullivan - - Esqr.
Joseph Blake - - Esqr.
Benj^{a}. Austin Junr. Esqr.
Capt. Nathaniel Fellows

William Little - - Esqr.
Thomas Russell Esqr.
William Eustis Esqr.
Leonard Jarvis Esqr.
M^{r}. Jesse Putnam
John Codman - - Esqr.
Be A Committee for the Purpose aforesaid —

Then the Meeting Adjourned to Monday 24th. Ins^{t}. 10 O'Clock A : M :

[**393.**] Monday the 24th. February 10 O'Clock A : M : The Town Met according to Adjournment —

The Committee appointed the 13th. Instant to give A State of the Trade at large & to prepare suitable resolves for the Town, Reported as on File —

On Motion, The Hall not being capacious enough to Admit the Inhabitants, the meeting was Adjourned to the Old South Church at 3 O'Clock P : M : —

3 O'Clock P : M : Town met at the old S^{o}. Church as ℘^{r}. Adjournm^{t}

The Report of the Committee again — read The meeting after Some debates was Adjourned to the 25th Instant to meet at this place 10 O'Clock A : M :

Met according According to Adjournment Tuesday the 25th Instant 10 O'Clock A : M : —

The Report again taken up at large & after A fair discussion The Question Put, Whether the further Consideration of this report for the present be referred, passed in the affirmative. On Motion Adjourned without day —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

[**394.**] At A meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and Legally Warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall On Monday the 10th. day of March Anno Domini 1794. 10 O'Clock A : M :

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. Doct^{r}. Lothrop —

Warrant for calling the meeting — read —

Sundry Laws to be read at this meeting
were accordingly — read —

The Town having Voted: to come to the Choice of A Moderator by A hand Vote, —

Thomas Craft Esqr.
was Chosen Moderator, Unanimously —

The Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Town Clerk and the Same being brought in & Counted, it appeared that

William Cooper
was Chosen Town Clerk for the Year Ensuing and an Oath of Office was Administred to him by M^{r}. Justice Crafts

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Nine Selectmen and upon Sorting them it appeared That the following Gentlemen Viz^{t}.

Ezekiel Price Esqr.
[395.] Thomas Walley Esqr.
Deacon William Boardman
M^{r}. Ebenezer Sever
Thomas Crafts — Esqr.
Thomas Edwards Esqr.
M^{r}. William Little
M^{r}. Charles Bulfinch
William Scollay — Esqr.
Were Chosen Selectmen for the Year Ensuing —

M^{r}. Joseph Russell
was Chosen Town Treasurer Unanimously for the Year Ensuing and the Oath of office Administred to him by the Town Clerk —

Voted, That the Town Treasurer give Bond with Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen, in the Sum and Penalty of Ten Thousand Pounds for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office —

Votes, for A Treasurer for the County of Suffolk bro^{t}. in and Counted by the Moderator and The Town Clerk when it appeared That the whole number was Three hundred and forty Three. Of which Three hundred and Thirty Six were for Thomas Crafts Esqr. and five for Joseph Russell, Town Treasurer, both discreet and Suitable Persons. being freeholders and Residents in said County; the other two were for William Cooper Town Clerk —

[396.] an attested copy hereof was given to Ezek^{l}. Price Esqr. Clerk of the Sessions by Coll^{o} Crafts —

The Inhabitants having as directed brought in their Votes for Twelve Overseers of the Poor on counting and Sorting the Same, It appeared That —

Jonathan Mason — Esqr.
John White — Esqr.
Edward Procter — Esqr.
John Sweetser — Esqr.
Samuel Parkman — Esqr.
Jonathan L. Austin — Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Edes —
Henry Hill — Esqr.
John Codman Junr. — Esqr.
M^{r}. William Smith —
William Phillips Junr. — Esqr.
Stephen Gorham — Esqr.

Were Chosen Overseers of the Poor for the Year Ensuing —

The Votes being brought in for Sixteen Fire Wards, And the Same being Sorted and Counted It appeared That —

M^{r}. Thomas Tileston —
John Winthrop — Esqr.
Thomas Melvill — Esqr.
Jabez Hatch — Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph Clark —
Joseph Russell Jun — Esqr.
[397.] M^{r}. Edward Edes —
Samuel Parkman — Esqr.
Amasa Davis — Esqr.
Russell Sturgis — Esqr.
Henry Jackson — Esqr.
Capt. Mungo Mackay —
William Scollay — Esqr.
William Little — Esqr.
M^{r}. James Tisdale —
Joseph May — Esqr.

were Chosen Fire Wards for the Ensuing Year

Voted, That the Assessors be and hereby are directed to Set for such abatements of Taxes as they shall Judge reasonable, two Days in Each Week after the delivery of the Tax Books to the Collectors, for the Space of Six weeks and no longer, Saving that they be allowed to Set the last Week in February, Lords days excepted, for the abatement of the Taxes of such persons as had not the opportunity of applying in the aboue Limited time by reason of their being out of the Commonwealth or any other Unavoidable hindrance, and that the Assessors determine upon the said Two days. which is to be Noted on the Tax bills to be Delivered to the Inhabitants —

[398.] The Votes being brought in for Five Assessors. It

appeared that the following Persons were Chosen Assessors for the Year Ensuing — Viz^{t}.

Giles Harris — Esqr.
Samuel Ruggles — Esqr.
Messrs. John R. Sigorney
Thomas Hitchbourn
Caleb Blanchard

Voted, That in Addition to the Selectmen twelve persons shall now be chosen as A School Committee and the Votes being brought in. Sorted and Counted it appeared — That the following Gentlemen were Chosen — Viz^{t}.

Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Rev^{d}. Samuel West —
Rev^{d}. John Lothrop —
John Coffin Jones — Esqr.
Jonathan L. Austin — Esqr.
William Tudor — Esqr.
Doct^{r}. Thomas Welsh —
Doct^{r}. Nathaniel Appleton
Rev^{d}. John Clark
M^{r}. William Smith
Doct^{r}. Aaron Dexter
George R. Minot — Esqr.

Voted, That the aforenamed Gentlemen who Conjunctly, with the Selectmen are Term'd the School Committee be and hereby are directed to carry [**399.**] *The new System of Education* which has been Adopted by the Town into operation, And said Committee are also Authorized and empowered *Conjunctly* to manage and regulate the affairs and Government of the Schools, and in future to exercise all the Powers relating to the Schools, and Schoolmasters which the Selectmen or such Committees are Authorized by the Laws of the Commonwealth or the Votes Of this Town to exercise; any former Votes of the Town notwithstanding —

The Petition of Jirah Holbrook, that Allowance may be made him for the Losses that he Sustained — read — Whereupon —

Voted, That the Honble. Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Joseph May — Esqr.
D^{r}. Nathaniel Noyes —
Be A Committee to Consider the Same and to Report thereon —

Voted, That the Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Herman Brimmer Esqr.
Joseph Russell Ju^{r}. Esqr.
Be and hereby are appointed A Committee to Audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer and also accounts of the Selectmen and

Overseers of the poor — [**400.**] And said Committee are also directed to report the Sum Necessary to be raised for the Service of the present Year.

The Petition of A Number of the Inhabitants that the high way Leading from Prince Street, To the North Mills — read — Whereupon Voted, — That the Selectmen be A Committee to consider the Same & report thereon —

The Votes being brought in for Twelve Constables, It appeared That The following Persons were Chosen —

Messrs Shubael Hews
Benjamin Homans
John Bosson
John Cades
John Butterfield
James Perkins
Samuel White
Enoch May
Thomas Stevenson
Robert Smallpeace
David Lewis
Andrew Townsend

Adjourned, to 3. O'Clock. P : M :

3. O'Clock P : M : Met according to Adjournment —

Voted, That five ℔^r^. Cent be and hereby is allowed to the Collectors of Taxes for the Year ensuing [**401.**] For all such Sums of Money and Public Securities as they shall Collect and pay into the Several Treasurers of the Sums Committed to them to Collect, also that such Collectors shall give Bond with Sufficient Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of their duty in said Office and Complying with this Vote; And that they will not receive any Premium Or gratuity for discounting any order Notes or receipts from the Treasurer of this State or the Treasurer of this Town —

The Votes, being brought in for four Collectors of Taxes It appeared That —

Messrs Benjamin Henderson
Thomas Bayley
James Thompson
Benjamin Jepson

Were Chosen Collectors of Taxes for the Year Ensuing —

The Selectmen were Chosen Surveyors of the High ways for the Year Ensuing —

Messrs William Richardson
Benjamin Goldthwait
Charles Miller Junr.
Seth Adams
Thomas Capen
[402.] Joseph Cowden
John Amory Tertius
John Peck
Nathaniel Sigorney
Samuel Sumner Junr.
Thos. Bartlett
Joseph Peirce Junr.
were Chose Clerks of the Market the Year Ensuing

Messrs Benjamin White
Joseph May
Andrew Townsend
William Todd
Charles Barry
were Chosen Fence Viewers for the Year Ensuing —

Messrs Thomas Bradley
William Billings
David Hollis
Matthew Loring
Were Chosen Sealers of Leather the Year Ensuing

Messrs William M^c.Neil
Jeffery Richardson
Were chosen Surveyors of Hemp the Year Ensuing

M^r. Abraham Adams
was Chosen ——— an Informer of Deer —
for the Year Ensuing —

[403.] Messrs Richard Horsefall
Francis Booth
Edward Jones
Were Chosen Haywards for the Year Ensuing —

Messrs John Keyer
George Cammell
were Chosen Hogreaves for the Year Ensuing —

Messrs Joshua Whetherly
Samuel Austin

were Chosen Assay masters for the Year Ensuing —

John Lucas — Esqr.
M^r. Edward Edes
Were Chosen Surveyors of Wheat the Year Ensuing

Messrs Willm Cunningham
Edward Weld
Jirah Holbrook
Alden Bass
Joseph Gleason
were chosen Sealers of wood for the Year Ensuing

The Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. To consider the representation of the overseers of the poor, relative to the deranged State of the Almshouse and Workhouse — read — Whereupon —

Voted, That A Committee be now chosen [**404.**] To Joyn the overseers of the poor to consider this matter and report thereon,—

Voted, That the Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
William Scollay — Esqr.
M^{r}. Ebenezer Sever
Thomas Crafts — Esqr.
Thomas Edwards Esqr.
M^{r}. Charles Bulfinch
Charles Jarvis — Esqr.
William Little — Esqr.
Joseph Russell T. Treasu^{r}.
Be A Committee for the Purpose aforesaid —

The Votes being brought in for Twelve Surveyors of Boards. It appeared that

Messrs. John Champney
Joshua Bentley
Samuel Dyer
Benjamin Page
Benjamin White
Edmund Ranger
William Clouston
James Blake
James Robbins
John Cogswell
Abraham Hayward
William Darricut
were chosen Surveyors of Boards the Year Ensuing

[**405.**] The Votes being brought in for Thirteen Cullers of Hoops and Staves, It appeared that —

Capt. Lemuel Gardner
Messrs Joseph Loring
Thomas Barber
George Singleton
Edward Burt

Thomas Foster
William Parkman
John Bray
Henry Purket
Jonathan Cushing
James Barry
Hezekiah Hutson
Phillip Hitchbourn
Were chosen cullers of hoops & Staves the Ensuing Year —

Adjourned to Monday the 24th day of March Instant at 3. O'Clock P : M :

Monday the 24th day of March Instant, at 3 O'Clock P : M : Met as ꝑr. Adjournment

Mr. Joseph Clark chosen A Fire ward and having declined Serving, it was —

Voted, That the thanks of the Town be Given him for his good Services in that office for Years past

[**406.**] Mr. William Sherbourne
was chosen A Fire Ward for the Present Year —

David Townsend Esqr.
was chosen one of the School Committee in the room of John Coffin Jones Esqr. who has resigned

Mr. Henry Crumstone
was chosen Constable in the room of Mr. Cade who has resigned —

The Committee on the Petition of Mr. Jirah Holbrook, report as their opinion, That the Petitioner has no claim on the Town for any compensation for any Losses sustained Either at Battery march or cow lane, Your Committee would Inform the Town, That by A Certificate, Signed by Oliver Wendell and others who say that in their opinion Mr. Holbrook would have made A generous profit had not the pavement in Battery march been ordered to be raised much higher then was at first contemplated, by which he Sustained of course A Loss as they say of about Thirty Pounds — Your Committee would therefore propose for the Consideration of the Town — As the Street is much better, and the Town greatly benefited by the pavement being thus raised; Whether the Petitioner may not be permitted to Exhibit [**407.**] An Account for the extra Gravel &c Supplied and the Selectmen Authorized to give him A draught for Payment of the same. Provided it shall not Exceed The Sum of Thirty Pounds —

Thomas Crafts ꝑr. order —

The aforegoing report having been read, and considered, the question was put — Viz^{t}. Whether this report shall be accepted — and it Passed in the Affirmative —

The Committee appointed by the Town At their annual meeting on the 10th. day of March Ins^{t}. to take into consideration the deranged state of the Almshouse and workhouse agreeable to the representation of the Overseers of the Poor, Have attended that Service and report *As their opinion* — That the Gentlemen Overseers of the poor, be requested to put in decent repair the Brick building between the Almshouse and the work house for their use And also, that they have leave to Appropriate such part of the Workhouse for an Almshouse as they shall Judge Expedient for the more immediate and better accomodation of such poor & Indigent Persons as may be the proper Objects of their care, and ask leave To Set again Thomas Dawes $\mathfrak{P}^{r}$. order

[**408.**] The foregoing report having been Read, and was accepted —

M^{r}. Moses Bradley
was appointed one of the Sealers of Wood y^{e}. Year Ensuing

On motion, Voted, That the Selectmen be requested to Insert in the Warrant for May Meeting an Article relative to Faneuil Hall Market —

Voted, That all Matters and things which shall remain Unfinished at this meeting shall be referred over to next may Meeting —

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be given to Thomas Crafts Esqr. for his good Services as Moderator —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

[**409.**] At A Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Boston of Twenty one Years of Age and upwards, Qualified as the Constitution prescribes and Legally Warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday The 7th. day of April Anno Domini 1794 —

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Stillman

Warrant for Calling the Meeting — read

Paragraphs of the Constitution or Frame of Goverment, relative to the Choice of Governor, Lieu^{t}. Governor and Senators — read —

It was then declared by the Selectmen that no Votes would be received, but such as were unfolded and that they Propose the Poll shall be Closed at one O'Clock. The Votes to be received at the Table and the Bells to begin Tolling at half past 12 O'Clock —

Persons VOTED for as GOVERNOR —
with the Number of *Votes* for Each Person — Viz^{t}.

			Votes
His Honor	Samuel Adams	Esqr. - -	1400
Honble	William Cushing	Esqr. - -	894
Honble	Elbridge Gerry - -	Esqr. - -	1
Honble	Samuel Phillips	Esqr. -	5
Honble	Thomas Russell	Esqr. - -	1
Honble	Azor Orne - - -	Esqr. - -	1

[410.] Persons VOTED for as Lieu^{t}. GOVERNOR —
with the number of VOTES for Each Person — Viz^{t}.

			Votes
His Honor	Samuel Adams	Esqr. - -	832
Honble	Moses Gill - - -	Esqr. - -	1287
Honble.	William Heath —	Esqr. - -	11
Honble.	Nathaniel Gorham -	Esqr. - -	22
Honble.	James Bowdoin —	Esqr. - -	81
Honble.	Elbridge Gerry - -	Esqr. - -	31
Honble.	Thomas Russell -	Esqr, - -	4
	Ebenezer Hancock -	Esqr. - -	6
Honble.	Samuel Phillips - -	Esqr. - -	3
Honble.	William Cushing -	Esqr. - -	2
	John Vinal - - -	Esqr. - -	1

Persons Voted for as Senators for the county of Suffolk, with the Number of Votes for each Person - - - Viz^{t}.

			Votes
Honble	Thomas Dawes Esqr. - - - -		2250
Honble.	Benjamin Austin Junr. -	Esqr.	1339
Honble.	Oliver Wendell - - - -	Esqr.	2272
	Theophilus Cushing Esqr. - -		954
Charles	Cushing Esqr. of Hingham - -		1126
Honble.	Thomas Russell Esqr. - - - -		971
	Charles Cushing Esqr. - - -		135
	John Sweetser - -	Esqr. - -	38
	William Eustis - -	Esqr - -	4
	Honble. James Bowdoin -	Esqr.	4
	Honble. John C. Jones -	Esqr.	4
	Charles Jarvis -	Esqr.	7
Honble.	Steph^{n}. Higginson - -	Esqr.	2
	William Tudor - - -	Esqr.	1
	Jonathan Mason - - -	Esqr.	1

[411.] Attested Copies of the Persons Voted for as Gover-

nor, Lieu^{t}. Governor. and Senators for the County of Suffolk were Committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth. and the Inclosures sealed up in Town Meeting Superscribed as follows — Viz^{t}. —

For John Avery Esqr.
Secretary of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

The Number of *Votes* of The Town of Boston for A *Governor* and four *Senators* for the County of Suffolk. Certified within and Sealed up in the Town Meeting —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

[**412.**] At A meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally Warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall. On Wednesday the 7th. day of May Anno Domini 1794. 10 O'Clock A : M :

Prayer was made by the Rev^{d}. Doct^{r}. Thatcher —

Warrant for Calling the Meeting — read

That part of the Constitution or frame of Goverment which relates to representatives — read —

Sundry Laws to be read at Said Meeting were Accordingly — read —

The Town having determined by A Vote to choose Seven Persons to represent them in the General Court of Massachusetts to be held in the State House in Boston on the last Wednesday of May Current. agreeably to the Constitution & Frame of Government for the Massachusets — The Inhabitants were directed by the Selectmen to withdraw and bring in their Votes for Representatives and then it was declared by the Selectmen That no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded, And that they intend that the Poll shall be closed at half past 12. O'Clock and the Bell to be tolled A little before that time —

[**413.**] The Votes being brought in for Seven Representatives, The Number of the Same were found to be 707 — And upon Sorting them it appeared that the Seven following Gentlemen had Obtained A majority of Votes - - - - - Viz^{t}.

	Votes
William Tudor Esqr. - - - - - - -	697
Charles Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - - - -	536
John Winthrop Esqr. - - - - - - -	435
William Eustis Esqr. - - - - - - -	690

	Votes
Joseph Blake Esqr. - - - - - - - -	553
Thomas Edwards Esqr. - - - - - - -	539
Perez Morton — Esqr. - - - - - - -	409

Adjourned to 3 O'Clock P : M : —

Met According to Adjourment at 3 O'Clock P : M :

Declaration was made by the Selectmen to the Town previous to the Adjournment That the Seven aforenamed Gentlemen were Chosen representatives by A Majority of Votes —

The choice of Representatives being over it was moved and Voted, that the Town will Now come to the Choice of A Moderator by A hand Vote in order to Transact the other business mentioned in the Warrant —

Honble. Thomas Crafts Esqr.

was Chosen Moderator accordingly —

[**414.**] The Votes having been brought in for One Fire ward, it appeared on Sorting them. That Capt. Robert Gardner was chosen as A Fireward for the Year Ensuing —

The Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Town Treasurer, and also the Acco^{ts}. of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, And to Report the Sum Necessary to be raised for the Service of the Present Year, have attended to that business And ask leave to report —

That they find the accounts of the Treasurer well Vouched and right cast and a balance of Eleven Thousand, Two hundred & Thirty two Pounds Nineteen Shillings & Two Pence in favour of The Town —

The Selectmens drafts from March 1st. 1793
To March the 1st. 1794 inclusively amo^{t}. to £8464 ,, 16 ,, —¼
And the Overseers of the Poor, the same time 2900 ,, 18 ,, 3

Making in the whole — .11365 ,, 14 ,, 3¼

The Particulars of all which are Contained in the papers N°. 1 ,, 2 ,, 3 ,, herewith annexed, the aggregate of the Selectmens drafts are as follows — Viz^{t}.

Watchmans Wages - - - -	£604 ,, — ,, —
Schoolmasters & Ushers - -	1960 ,, — ,, —
Assessors pay - - - - -	661 ,, 15 ,, 10
New School & other Schools -	373 ,, 19 ,, 9
Collectors Premium - - -	779 ,, 8 ,, 11
Lamps - - - - - - - -	706 ,, 8 ,, 8

Carried Over - - -

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Sum brought over - - - -	£ - - - -		
Printing, & Stationary - -	95 ,,	5 ,,	2
Burying Ground - - - - -	7 ,,	17 ,,	—
Expences - - - - - - - -	51 ,,	4 ,,	—
Town Repairs - - - - - -	255 ,,	6 ,,	7
Repairs of High ways - - -	236 ,,	— ,,	—
Mill Bridge - - - - - - -	30 ,,	———	
Commonwealth - - - - - -	37 ,,	15 ,,	3
Paving and Gravel - - - -	1155 ,,	6 ,,	10½
Storage of Powder - - - -	1 ,,	8 ,,	—
Small Pox - - - - - - -	39 ,,	0 ,,	9
Philadelphia Fever - - - -	290 ,,	16 ,,	—
Town Clock - - - - - - -	22 ,,	5 ,,	6
Office of Police - - - - -	160 ,,	— ,,	—
Constables Service - - - -	36 ,,	9 ,,	7
Bells ringing - - - - - -	76 ,,	1 ,,	2
Visiting Schools - - - - -	49 ,,	2 ,,	—
Law Expence - - - - - -	69 ,,	16 ,,	3
Deer Island - - - - - - -	18 ,,	5 ,,	10
Rainsfords Island - - - -	25 ,,	12 ,,	6
Watchmans Rent - - - -	4 ,,	10 ,,	—
Town Cryer - - - - - - -	— ,,	3 ,,	—
Engines and Premiums - -	248 ,,	19 ,,	8
Town Treasurer - - - - -	200 ,,	— ,,	—
Town Clerk - - - - - - -	150 ,,	— ,,	—
Messenger to Selectmen - -	55 ,,	4 ,,	6
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The balance due from the Several Collectors on March 1st 1794. as represented on Paper N°. 1. have been reduced by Sums paid in by the Several [416.] Collectors from that time to the 1st. May Inst. £2618 ,, 3 ,, 10½ And the balances as they now Stand due from the Collectors on the 2d. May 1794, Is as follows - - Vizt.

From James Thompson 1793. Tax - - -	£1842 ,,	4 ,,	1¾
Benjamin Henderson 1793 d°. - -	1756 ,,	19 ,,	3
Thomas Bayley - - - 1793 d°. - -	1829 ,,	15 ,,	10¾
Benjamin Jepson - - 1793 d°. - -	1793 ,,	4 ,,	0¾
	£7291 ,,	3 ,,	4

The Committee from the best information Suppose the Sum of - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - £363 ,, 2 ,, 3 with which Sum the Town stands charg'd has been settled and paid by former Collectors. Savage, Cudworth and Others, by way of discount though not properly Cancelled in the books they being chiefly due before the

revolution. however that may be, they are cancelled by A Late Law of this Commonwealth, and in their opinion should be accordingly Settled in the Town Books, —— The Committee
also find That a Deduction may be made of — £1400 ,, 12 ,, —
from the Estimate of the current year for a New School, repairing Schools, high ways, Mill bridge, Law Expences, New fish Market, Small pox, Philadelphia fever as Particularised in Paper N°. 1.
making in the Whole - - - - - - - - 1763 ,, 4 ,, 7

[**417.**] The Committee are further of Opinion That the debts due from Abraham Savage £366 ,, — ,, 9. and Several others amounting to £54 ,, 19 ,, 10. and from P. Dudley Sergeant £877 ,, 7 ,, 2 and from Benjamin Cudworth £46 ,, 14 ,, 5
Amounting to in the whole - - - - - - £1345 ,, 1 ,, 5
May be cancelled in the Towns Books. —
And Should the Selectmen drafts be
Same as Last year - - - - - - - - - £8464 ,, 16 ,, —
And also the Overseers drafts — ditto - - 2900 ,, 8 ,, 3

11365 ,, 4 ,, 3
A Tax of Nine Thousand Pounds - - - 9000 ,, — ,, —
Rent Roll Estimated from Preceeding Years 686 ,, ———
The State poor — ditto - - - - - - - 1500 ,, ———
and the Saving as aboue - - - - - - - 400 ,, ———

Amounting in the whole - - - - - - to 11586 ,, ———
will be sufficient for the Present year and will make Provision
for Paving 10.000 y^ds^. @ 2/6 - - - - 1250 ,, ———
which is Equal to 3000 feet by 30 feet

They therefore upon the Whole recommend the Sum of Nine Thousand Pounds to be raised for the Present Year —
All Which is Submitted ℘^r^. Thomas Dawes ℘^r^. order

The aforegoing report having been read & Considered the Question was Put — Viz^t^. — Whether the Same shall be Accepted. Passed in the Affirmative —

[**418.**] Voted, That the Sum of Nine Thousand Pounds be raised by A Tax to be Assessed on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of This Town to defray The Expences of the Current Year —

The representation of Coll°. Waters Officer of the Police — was read — Whereupon

Voted, That Honble. John Coffin Jones Esqr.
Perez Morton - - - Esqr.
Honble. Benjamin Austin J^{r} Esqr.
Samuel Brown - - - Esqr.
M^{r}. James Tisdale —
Be A Committee to Consider the Same and report at the Adjournment —

The Petition of James Thompson a Collector of Taxes — read — Whereupon —

Voted, That the said Petition be reffer'd to the aboue Named Committee to report thereon —

Voted, That it be referred to the aboue Committee to consider and report at the Adjournment Proper Salaries for the Town Treasurer, Assessors and the Town Clerk —

The Article in the Warrant relative to the General State of Faneuil Hall Market &c &c was read and Considered Whereupon —

Voted, That no fresh fish be in future Exposed for sale on Faneuil Hall Market Square Also the following Order Passed — Viz^{t}.

[**419.**] Be it ordained that the Selectmen on the representation and Complaint of the Clerk of the Market, the Officers of Police or any three Inhabitants shall be and they are hereby fully Authorized and Impowered, to remove from any of the Stalls and Stands, of the Market all such Persons. as shall in their Opinion be Guilty of Forestalling or any other Malepractices which may have a Tendency to enhance the Prices of the Necessaries of Life and to Promote the Injury and oppression of the Inhabitants of The Town —

Voted, That what further part of the aforementioned Article has not been acted upon be referred over to A Committee; That the Selectmen be A Committee for said purpose —

The Memorial of the Schoolmasters read. and on Motion Voted, They have Leave to withdraw it

The Article in the warrant — Viz^{t}. What measures shall be taken relative to the Hay Engine, and the appointment of A Clerk of the Faneuil Hall market — read, whereupon

Voted, That it be left to the Selectmen, to Proceed as to these matters as they shall Judge to be meet, for the Interest of the Town —

Adjourned to Friday 16th. May Inst. 10 O'Clock A : M :

[420.] At A legal and very Numerous Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston at Faneuil Hall the 12th. day of May Anno Domini 1794. 9 O'Clock A : M :

Warrant for calling the meeting — read

Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr. was Chosen, Moderator by A hand Vote —

The Article in the Warrant — Vizt. To consider the propriety of Continuing the Embargo under the Present Serious aspect of Public Affairs may be considered, and the opinion of the Town on this important Subject fully expressed thereupon was read and Considered — Whereupon —

Resolved As the Sense of the Inhabitants of the Town. That the General Embargo Imposed by the Legislature of the United States on the Navigation and Commerce within the Same is A Measure — founded in the highest Policy and Wisdom. Which Passed by A Very great Majority

Resolved that the Inhabitants of Boston will cordially acquiesce in the Continuance of the Embargo until in the opinion of Congress the Objects Contemplated by that measure shall be fully Accomplished; which Passed Unanimously.

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

[421.] Friday May 16th Instant 10 O'Clock A : M :

The Town Met according to the Adjournment of March Meeting — On Motion

Voted, That the Vote Passed on the 7th. day of May Instant, Prohibiting Fish from being Exposed to Sale on Faneuil Hall Market Square be reconsidered, also —

Voted, That whatever remains unacted upon the Article of the Warrant and all matters relative to the General State of Faneuil Hall Market be referred over to the Selectmen, they to Act thereon with respect to regulations, as they Judge most for the interest of the Inhabitants

The Committee appointed to Consider and report on the Several matters within Submitted to them have attended that Service and Report as follows — Vizt.

That the respective Salaries of the Town Treasurer, Assessors and Town Clerk be the Same as they have been the Year Past, That is to Say for the Town Treasurer £200 — for Each of the Assessors £130 — and for the Town Clerk £200 ,, —

That There be Allowed and paid to James Thompson £12 ,, — Lawful Money in full compensation for Extra Services Mentioned in his Petition —

[**422.**] On the representation of Josiah Waters Esqr. Inspector of Police, requesting an Equitable compensation for his Services. Your Committee on Mature Deliberation have thought it expedient to recommend to the Inhabitants of the Town to grant him an Addition of Sixty Pounds for the Present Year to the Salary Allowed him the Year Past — Your Committee Apprehends that at the time this Officer was appointed It was unknown to the Inhabitants, that the Duties of his Office would have occupied so great A Portion of his time, as from experience they find it Necessarily does, they suppose it was from this Consideration that his Salary was originally fixed at £120 ,, —,,— Your Committee are Convinced from their own knowledge and Constant testimony of the Inhabitants in general, That the whole time of the Inspector of Police, Sundays And Nights not excepted, is Casually employed in the Discharge of his duty, And that His Services are of great Importance to the peace, Safety and happiness of The Town, Such Consideration as these have induced your Committee to recommend that the Salary of this Officer for the ensuing Year be fixed at the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Pounds — all of which is Submitted

℘^{r}. John Coffin Jones ℘^{r}. order —

[**423.**] The aforegoing Report being read and Amended, the Question was put — Viz^{t}. whether the Same shall be Accepted, Passed in the Affirmative, whereupon —

Voted, That the Sum of two hundred Pounds be allowed and paid to Joseph Russell for his Services as Town Treasurer the Present Year, the same to be paid him in Quarterly payments as it shall become due, and to Commence the first day of March Last —

Voted, That the Sum of Two hundred Pounds be allowed and paid unto William Cooper for his Services as Town Clerk the Present Year, the Same to be paid him quarterly, as it shall become due, and to Commence the first day of March Last. —

Voted, That the Sum of One hundred and Thirty Pounds be allowed to each of the Assessors for their respective Services for the present Year the same to be paid them Quarterly, as it shall become due, and to Commence the first day of March Last —

Voted, That the Sum of One hundred and Eighty Pounds be allowed and paid unto Josiah Waters Esqr. for his Services as Officer of the Police the Present Year, the Same to be paid him Quarterly, as it shall become due —

[**424.**] Voted, That there be allowed and paid To James Thompson, Twelve Pounds in full compensation for his Extra Services as mentioned in the foregoing report on his Petition —

Voted, That all matters and things Unfinished at this Meeting, be referred over to the Next General Meeting —

Voted, That The Thanks of the Town be given to the Honble Thomas Crafts for his good Services as Moderator of this meeting

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

At A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall On Friday the 4th. day of July Anno Domini 1794. 9 O'Clock A : M :

Warrant for Calling the meeting — read —

William Cooper —
was Chosen Moderator by A hand Vote —

[**425.**] The Committee appointed the Last year to make Choice of A Gentleman to deliver an Oration on the Anniversary of Independence. Reported
That they had made Choice of John Phillips Esquire. Who has Accepted — On Motion

Voted, That the oration be delivered at the Old Brick Church 12 O'Clock; Liberty therefor being Obtained —

Voted, The Gentlemen the Selectmen Acquaint M^{r}. [John Phillips] with this Vote. —

Adjourned to the Old Brick Church to Commemorate the Independence of the United States.

AN ORATION

was delivered by John Phillips Esquire at the Old Brick Church, On Motion —

Voted, That the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed A

Committee to Wait on John Phillips, Esquire, and in the Name of the Town to thank him for the Spirited and Elegant Oration this day delivered by him, at the request of The Town, upon the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States Of America, in which, according to the institution of the Town, he Considered the feelings, manners and Principles, which led to that Great National Event, and to Request A Copy thereof for the Press — on Motion

[**426.**] Voted, That The Gentlemen, the Selectmen, be and hereby are appointed A Committee to apply to Some one Learned and able Gentleman to deliver an *Oration* on the 4th. July Anno Domini 1795. That day being the Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America; Wherein the Orator is to Consider the feelings, Manners and Principles which led to this Great National Event, As well as the Important and happy Effects whether General or Domestic which already, and will forever flow from that auspicious Epoch —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

[**427.**] At, A Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Saturday the 2d. day of August A. D. 1794. 11 O'Clock A : M :

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

Honble. Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Chosen Moderator By A Hand Vote —

The Article in the Warrant — read, as also the Petition for calling A meeting, and after some consideration and debate, the Town came into the following resolutions — Vizt. —

Whereas, A Number of the inhabitants of this Town actuated by A desire of releiving the distresses of the Unhappy Sufferers by the Late Fire, met the 1st. Instant and Passed A Vote to Request the Several Clergy to deliver A Sermon upon that Subject on the Ensuing Sabbath And to recommend to their Several Congregations to open Subscriptions, and Committees to be appointed in the respective Parishes for affording relief to those who have met with Losses from this melancholy Event —

Voted that the Proceedings of said inhabitants meet with the Cordial approbation of this Town — [**428.**] And that it be recommended to all the Inhabitants of the Town to Aid in furthering the Charitable Views adopted at the said meeting,

And that it be Urged upon the Committee thereby to be appointed to exert themselves to excite the benevolence and Procure the Assistance of Every description of Persons, and to Adopt such Measures as shall make the Charity as Extensive and Effectual as possible, And the money so collected shall be appropriated in such A manner, as may Appear most eligible to the Committee appointed to distribute the Same, — And the said Committee are further directed to Report at the Next Town Meeting, The Amount of Money's Collected and To whom distributed — Also —

Voted, That the Selectmen be and hereby are appointed to write Circular Letters to Invite Our Brethren in the Neighboring Towns To Join in Alleviating the great Losses Sustained by our Fellow Townsmen in the late Calamitous Fire —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved

[**429.**] At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston. duly qualified & legally Warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the 12th. day of August Anno Domini 1794. At 10 O'Clock A : M :

Warrant for Calling the Meeting — read —

Honorable Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Was chosen Moderator by A hand Vote —

The first Article in the Warrant Vizt. to receive the Report of the Selectmen relative to A Street laid out between Atkinsons Street & Hutchinsons Street so called, and whether they will approve of the Same, As also A report of the Selectmen — Vizt. In Consequence of A Great desolation made by Fire in This Town on the 30th of July Last at and Near Atkinsons Street — The Selectmen Met and proceeded to the Spot, and laid out A New Street for the better accommodation and convenience of the Inhabitants which is bounded as follows Vizt. on Atkinson Street 43 forty Three feet, Then running Easterly to Hutchinsons Street Twenty five feet, Eight Inches, then running on Said Hutchinsons Street forty Three feet and then running Westerly to sd. Atkinsons Street [**430.**] Two hundred and fifty one feet Eight Inches as is now Staked out — were read and Considered — Whereupon —

Voted, That the Town Accept & approve of the doings of the Selectmen in the laying out of the Said Street, —

The Second Article in the Warrant — Vizt. Whether the Town will appropriate the marsh at the bottom of the Common

for any other of the Towns Lands for Rope Walks for the Accommodation of the Sufferers by the late Fire was — read and Considered — Whereupon — Voted, That. the

Honorable Thomas Dawes Esqr.
M^{r}. Ebenezer Dorr
M^{r}. William Brown
Doctor Dexter
Deacon Wright
Honble James Sullivan — Esqr.
M^{r}. Joseph Russell
M^{r}. Joseph Woodward
Honble George R^{d}. Minot Esqr.

Be and hereby are appointed A Committee to Confer with the Gentlemen Owners of the Ropewalks Lately Consumed by Fire, and that A Survey be taken of the Marsh, at the Bottom of the Common, and also Part of the Land on Boston Neck, that may be Sufficient for Erecting the Like Number of Rope walks, as [**431.**] were owned and Consumed, and report at the Next Town Meeting — which the Selectmen are Requested to call after the Committee have Completed the Business. —

Then the Meeting was
Dissolved —

At A Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in Public Town meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall on Thursday the 28th day of August, Anno Domini 1794. at 10 O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

Honorable Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Was Chosen Moderator by A hand Vote —

The Report of the Committee to whom was referred, the Business of Appropriating the Marsh at the Bottom of the Common for the accommodation of the Ropemakers who were Sufferers by the Late Fire was read and after Debate —

[**432.**] Voted, That the Same be recommitted and that the Committee confer with the said sufferers and report A Specific quantity of Grounds for their use, and Terms upon which the Same be granted —

Resolve of the General Court Passed June 19th. 1794. requiring the Inhabitants of the Town and Districts within this Common Wealth to take or Cause to be taken an accurate Plan of their respective Towns and Districts, was read and Considered — Whereupon — Voted, That the Gentlemen the Selectmen be, and

hereby are appointed A Committee to Carry Said resolve of Court into Execution. —

Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. Whether the Town will Lease A Part of their Land on the West side of the Neck for the purpose of Erecting A Wind Machine for the Grinding and Bolting of Grain &c — read — Whereupon it was moved and

Voted, That this Article be left with the Selectmen to Act thereon as they may Judge best

Article in the Warrant — Viz^{t}. Whether any measures shall be taken to Prevent future damage to the Town by the Erection of Wooden Buildings within the Same was read & after debate —

Voted, That William Tudor — Esqr.
John Codman — Esqr.
Perez Morton — Esqr.
[**433.**] Be A Committee to consider of this Article and to Report thereon as soon as may be —

Adjourned to Monday Next being the First day of September —

Monday Sepr. 1st at 9. O'Clock A : M : The Town Met According to Adjournment —

The Committee appointed to Confer with the Gentlemen Owners of the Ropewalks Lately Consumed by Fire, and to take A Survey of the Marsh at the Bottom of the Common &c That might be Sufficient for Erecting the like Number of Ropewalks As were owned by them and consumed — *have again* Considered the Subject committed to them, and after *repeated* Conferences with the Parties concerned, report the following Votes to be Adopted by the Town Viz^{t}.

Voted, That there be granted to the Persons hereinafter named, being Late owners of Ropewalks consumed by Fire. A Peice of Marsh Land and Flats at the Bottom of the Common in Boston — Including the whole or such part of Fox hill as may fall within the bounds hereafter Specified to be held by them severally in such parts and upon such Terms and Conditions as are herein set forth [**434.**] The whole of said peice of Land, being bounded and Containing as follows Viz^{t}. Beginning at the westerly End of Ridge hill five hundred feet from Beacon street and running directly towards Eliots Street. as far as the Towns Land Extends on the West side of Pleasant street, So far as to leave A Space of Fifty feet, between this Line, and the End of the rail fence projecting down from the Burying Ground on the South side of Common, Then Extending in Width Three hundred feet from the Point at which the aboue Described line may

Strike upon Pleasant Street, being bounded Westerly throughout by A line run Parallel with the line first described & beginning At the Head of the Towns land at the Southerly part of the marsh, and running in A northerly direction Until it shall meet with A line drawn from the westerly End of Ridge hill parallel with Beacon Street, As is more fully described On A Plan taken by Mr. Osgood Carlton, August the Twenty Ninth 1794. And that the Said Grantees be Authorized and impowered to Extend the Limits of the Land hereby granted — Fifty feet over the Flats, they relinquishing the same space on the Easterly Side of said Land, or to alter the said Limits, so as to Extend across the said Marsh in A Diagonal direction Provided they do not in Either case come Nearer than fifty feet to the End of the rail [**435.**] fence Aforesaid, Nor run Northerly so as to cross the Said line to be run parallel with Beacon street. — Reserving however Sixty feet in Width across the Southerly End of said Peice of Land for A Road from Pleasant Street down to the Channel —

Voted, That the first fifty feet of said peice of Land in Width reckoning from the Easterly side thereof being Lot No. 1. On the Plan aboue mentioned — be and hereby is granted to Isaac Davis to hold to him his Heirs and Assignes forever —

That the Second fifty feet thereof in Width, being Lot No. 2. On said Plan be and hereby is Granted to Jeffry Richardson to hold to him and his Heirs and Assignes forever. —

That the Third fifty feet thereof in Width, being Lot No. 3. on said Plan be and hereby is Granted to Samuel Emmons to hold to him and his Heirs and Assignes for Ever. —

That, the fourth fifty feet thereof in Width being Lot No. 4. in said Plan be and hereby Is Granted to William Mc.Niel & Archibald Mc.Niel to hold to them, their Heirs & Assignes forever. —

[**436.**] That, the fifth fifty feet thereof in Width being Lot No. 5, on said Plan, be and hereby is Granted to John Codman and Richard Codman to Hold to them, their Heirs and Assignes forever. —

That the Sixth fifty feet thereof in Width being Lot No. 6. on said Plan be and hereby is Granted unto Edward Howe to hold to him and to his Heirs and Assignes forever, Reserving however a right in the Town to carry Sluices and Drains through the said Peice of Land to the Salt water in any Direction, forever. — Provided Nevertheless, and All the grants aforesaid are upon the following Conditions, Vizt. First, That neither of the said Grantees, nor their Heirs, nor Assignes, shall at any time hereafter Erect Or Cause to be Erected, Any Ropewalk upon the Lands Where these Late Ropewalks were Consumed by Fire — Nor any Part thereof —

Second, That there Never be any other buildings than Ropewalks Erected on the Lands hereby Granted Nor More than Six of them —

Third, That the Heads of the Ropewalks to be Erected thereon be Placed at the Southerly End of the said granted Lands, — That they shall not be more than One Story in height, Nor the Eaves more than Seven feet from the floor, Excepting forty feet from the head of Each Walk, for a Store wch. may be two Stories high. They to be built with brick & Covered with Slates —

[437.] Fourth, That the Grantees aforenamed Erect within the Space of Two Years from the Present time, at their own Expence, A Sufficient Sea Wall in the Opinion of the Selectmen for the time being, the whole length of the Said Granted Lands, On the Westerly side thereof at A distance not Exceeding Thirty feet from the Same, — The right of Property in which Wall, if Erected without the bounds of the Grant, shall be in the Town.

And Nothing in the foregoing Grants shall be considered as conveying to the said Grantees, or either of them, any right of Passage in any direction Across the Common, to or from the Granted Lands. —

Voted, That the Selectmen in the Name and behalf of the said Town be and hereby are Authorized, and requested to Execute good and Sufficient Deeds to Each of the aforesaid Grantees of the Lots Respectively Granted to them as aforesaid, upon the Conditions, and with the restrictions, and reservations, hereinbefore described, and that they insert in each of the Deeds so to be Executed, A Covenant on the part of this Town that they will not build any Ropewelk on the Common, nor ever hereafter Grant any part thereof for the purpose of building such Walk. —

[438.] Voted, That the Selectmen lay out A Road Sixty feet wide from Pleasant Street along the Easterly side of the Lands hereby granted, over the marsh toward Beacon Street in order to meet A Road that may be opened from West Boston Bridge, all which is Submitted. —

Thomas Dawes ℘^r^. order —

The aforegoing report having been largely Debated and amended, The Question was put Whether the same shall be accepted and it Passed in the affirmative —

The Committee to whom was Referred the Consideration whether any Measures shall be taken to prevent future damages to the Town, by Erection of Wooden buildings within the Same — Report —

That the Existing Laws, Passed at different Periods Viz^{t}. 1692 ,, 1700 ,, and 1760 ,, are Completly Competent to the object of their Commission, but Unfortunately Never having been enforced, excepting those parts of them relative to Widening the Public Streets and opening New ones, They are now become Impracticable if not absolute. [obsolete?]

Your Committee therefore proposes that the Representatives of the Town of Boston be instructed [**439.**] To Obtain from the Legislature, A revision of the Laws Referred to, and to Procure A New one, Containing most of the principles of the former Acts, — in which may be included all the Powers Vested in the Select-men as to Widening the Streets and Opening New ones, and which may Enact That no Public buildings of any kind shall be hereafter erected but of Brick and Stone and tiled or Slated, and to be without Wooden Gutters unless the same shall be Cased with Either Tin or Iron Plates. —

That no Dwelling House, or other Building Exceeding One Story shall be built with Wood — That no Livery Stable, Rope-walk or buildings for any Manufactory shall be Erected at any time, in any Part of the Town, but in such Places as the select-men shall approve, and be Constructed of such materials As they shall Adjudge to be most for the Public Security, and least Sub-ject to Conflagration — all which is Submitted —

Willm. Tudor ℘^{r}. order —

And that A Clause be inserted to Subject the Town at large. to A heavy Penalty for every building Suffered to be Erected Con-trary to the Law —

[**440.**] The aforegoing report having been read and debated, The same was referred to the Next Town Meeting, for further consideration, and that previous to said meeting The Report be Published for the information of the Inhabitants —

Voted, that all matters unfinished be referred over to the Next General Town Meeting.

Voted, That the thanks of the Town be and hereby are given To the Honorable Thom^{s}. Crafts Esqr. for his good Services as Moderator of this Meeting —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

At A meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Duly qualified and legally warned in Public Town Meeting Assembled at Faneuil Hall, on Friday the Tenth day of October Anno Domini 1794 at 10. O'Clock A : M : —

Warrant for calling the meeting — read —

[441.] Honorable Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Chosen Moderator by A hand Vote —

The Votes being brought in for A Fire Ward in the room of Thomas Tileston deceas^{d}. it appeared That Major Andrew Cunningham was chosen A Fire Ward. Unanimously —

The Article in the Warrant to consider and Adopt the most Equal and commodious mode of raising the Town's Proportion of the 80,000 Men ordered to be detached from the Militia of the United States by Congress at their Last Session was read, whereupon

Voted, unanimously That the Officers Commanding Companies in the Boston regiment and other Corps, be and hereby are Authorized to Offer to Every Soldier who shall Voluntarily enroll himself in the Detachment ordered to be raised out of this Town as their Proportion of 80,000 men ordered to be detached from the Militia of the United States, by Congress at their Last Session, the Sum of Five Dollars as A Bounty to be paid him at the time of his Enlistment and the Town Treasurer is hereby Authorized for to borrow for the Town a sum Sufficient to pay the said Bounty and is directed to pay the aforesaid sum of Five Dollars to Each man Enrolled upon [442.] the Certificate of the Officer to whose Company he belongs, and when the said Detachment shall be Called into actual Service, Each man shall be allowed a Sum in Addition to the pay Allowed by Congress, to make his monthly wages Equal to Ten Dollars $\mathfrak{P}^{r}$. Month. —

Article relative to further Grants to School masters — read — whereupon —

Voted, That this Article be referred Over to the School Committee, with A request that they would take the Same into their Consideration and act thereon as they Judge reasonable —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

At A Meeting of the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston Qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, and legally Warned in Public Town Meeting, Assembled at Faneuil Hall the first monday of November Anno Domini 1794. being the 3^{d}. day of said month 10. O'Clock A : M :

[443.] Prayer was made by the Reverend M^{r}. Eliot —

Warrant for Calling the Meeting — read —

Resolve of the General Court for the choice of Representatives for the Next Congress of the United States — Read —

It was then Declared by the Selectmen that The Poll would be Closed at half past one O'Clock & the Bells to begin tolling at One O'Clock

Persons Voted for As A Representative for the first middle district of this Commonwealth in the Next Congress of the United States —

		Votes
Honble.	Fisher Ames Esqr.	1627
	Charles Jarvis Esqr.	1182
Honble.	John Coffin Jones Esqr.	2
	Samuel Jarvis Esqr.	1
		2812 —

An Attested Copy of the Persons Voted for as aboue were Committed to the Chairman of the Selectmen, Ezekiel Price Esqr. To be by him delivered to the Secretary of this Commonwealth, and the Inclosure sealed up in Town Meeting, Superscribed as follows — Viz^{t} —

For John Avery Esqr.
Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusets

[**444.**] List of Votes, for A Representative for the first middle district of this Common Wealth to the Next Congress of the United States from the Town of Boston —

Jury Return On the Warrant for the Estimating the Damage &c &c on Widening the Streets in Atkinson & Purchase Street & Cow Lane

Suffolk ss : To Edward Procter, Nathaniel Hall, William Brown, Thomas Bayley, Edwd. Tyler, John Tyleston, John
(SEAL) Deming, Nathl. Shepard, Moses May, Thomas Fleet,
(SEAL) John Winslow and Samuel Ruggles Esqr. — Greeting :

Whereas, in and by an Act made and Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of the Late Province of the Massachusetts bay, begun And held At Boston the Eighth day of June, One Thousand Six hundred and Ninety two And Continued by Adjournment unto the Twelfth day of October following ;

It was Enacted, that it shall be in the power of the Justices of the Peace in the Town of Boston, together with the Selectmen (or

Major Part of Each Assenting thereto) That in all Void and unbuilt Places, which shall hereafter be improved [**445.**] for building, or when at any time any total Consumption or desolation shall happen in any Streets or Lanes within the said Town, To State and lay out such Streets, Ways and Passages, as may be most for the Conveniency and accommodation of the Place —

As Also where any desolation has happened to regulate and enlarge other Narrow and Crooked Lanes or Passages, And Where any Particular Person shall have their Lands taken away. Or Lessened thereby; A Jury of Twelve Men shall be Appointed by two Justices of the Peace, and Sworn to Ascertain the Value thereof to be paid by the Person to whose Lands the Same shall be Added, or by the Neighbourhood or the Town in Proportion to the benefit or conveniency They shall have thereby;

And whereas Desolation has lately happened in some of the Streets and Lanes within the said Town, hereinafter more Particularly mentioned, And Described, And whereas A Major Part of the Justices, and A Major Part of the Selectmen in the Town of Boston aforesaid, in Pursuance of the aforesaid Act have Widened, regulated and Enlarged the following Part or Parts of Streets and Lanes — Viz^{t}. Beginning at the East side of Cow Lane opposite to Messrs M^{c}. Niel and Sons Rope Walk (Now burned) And Belonging to Jeffrey [**446.**] Richardson, there measuring forty one feet Six Inches, long, and four feet Eight Inches wide at one End, and three feet at the other —

Another piece belonging to said Richardson on the East side of Cow Lane and South of Atkinsons Street, Sixty two feet long and four feet Eight Inches wide at one End & Three feet wide at the other End —

Another piece belonging to said Richardson, South and Butting on Atkinsons Street leading to Thom^{s}. Russells Wharf Forty Seven feet Seven Inches, long, Seven feet Two Inches wide at one End and Eight feet Two Inches at The other End —

Another piece Belonging to Thomas Davis on the East side of Cow Lane and North of Atkinsons Street, on A Triangular form of Eleven feet long, and Three feet Six Inches wide and running to A point. —

Another Piece Belonging to said Davis of fifteen feet Long and running to A Point, Also —

Another Piece belonging to said Davis on the West side of Purchase Street & North of Atkinson's Street, forty Nine feet three Inches long and five feet Nine Inches Wide at the one End and Six feet at the other. —

Lands Belonging to the heirs of the Late John Gray beginning on the East of Cow lane, A Corner and North of Atkinsons Street Seventy feet six Inches long, and Three feet wide at one End & nine feet at the other —

[**447.**] Another Piece belonging to said Gray on Atkinsons Street and leading to Thomas Russells Wharf, One hundred & five feet long and four feet four Inches wide at one End, and Three feet Eight Inches at the other End —

Another Piece belonging to said Gray at the East side of, And on Cow lane South of Atkinsons Street, One hundred & Eleven feet long, And five feet four Inches wide at one End, And One foot Nine Inches at the other —

Another Piece belonging to Said Gray, South of Atkinsons Street, and West on Purchase Street, One hundred and Six feet Eight Inches long, and [blank] feet Eight Inches Wide at one End And five feet five Inches at the other —

Another piece belonging to Thomas Brewer, North of Atkinsons Street and West of Purchase Street, Ninety one feet long and Three feet Eight Inches wide at one End, and One foot Six Inches at the other, leading to Russells Store.

Also Another Piece belonging to said Brewer, North of Atkinsons Street and butted West on Purchase Street, Seventy Three feet Six Inches long and four feet four Inches wide at One End, and Three feet Two Inches at the other —

[**448.**] Another piece Belonging to Coll— Dawes and Occupied by Judge Dawes, on the East Side of & On Cow Lane, and South of Atkinsons Street, A Triangular piece, Forty feet Eight Inches long, and Nine Inches wide to A point. —

Another piece West, and on Cow Lane, and South of Atkinson Street, owned by Capt. William Cowell, Ninety one feet Two Inches long and Three feet wide at one End, and five feet at the other. —

Another Peice West and on Cow Lane South of Atkinsons Street, Owned by the Widow Low, forty four feet Seven Inches long and five feet wide at one End, and five feet Six Inches at the other —

Another Piece belonging to George Blanchard, West on Cow Lane, and South on Atkinsons Street, Seventy two feet long, and five feet Six Inches wide at one End, and Six feet Six Inches at the other —

Another Piece belonging to Coll— Dawes, West and on Cow lane,

South of Atkinsons Street Eighty four feet; Six feet Six Inches wide at one End, and running to A Point of Six Inches —

Another Piece belonging to Mrs Lois Clouston, South of Atkinsons Street and between Cow lane & Purchase Street, Forty five feet Two Inches long, and Eight feet Two Inches wide at one End, and Eight feet Six Inches at the other. —

[**449.**] Another Piece belonging to Saml. P. Savage, South of Atkinsons Street, and between Cow Lane and Purchase Street, Ninety Eight feet Three Inches Long, and Eight feet Six Inches Wide at one End, and Ten feet wide at ye. other

Another Piece belonging to said Savage, West on Purchase Street (from the Corner) Sixty four feet Seven Inches long, and five feet four Inchs. Wide at one End, & five feet Eight Inches at the Other End. —

Also Another Piece belonging to said Savage, South of Atkinsons Street, and on the East side of Purchase Street, Eighty one feet Six Inches long, and Seven feet Nine Inches wide at one End, and the Same at the other

Another Piece belonging to Coll— Thomas Dawes, South of Atkinsons Street, and on the East side of Purchase Street, forty feet long and Seven feet wide at one End, and five feet four Inches at the other —

Another Piece belonging to Samuel Bangs East side of, and on Purchase Street, fifty Eight feet long, and five feet Six Inches wide at one End, & Six feet four Inches at the other. —

Another Piece Vacant Land. East on Purchase street, and North of Atkinson Street, Seventy feet four Inches long, Six feet four Inches wide at one End, & Seven feet Six Inches at the other. —

[**450.**] Another Piece belonging to Samuel Dillaway, South of Atkinsons Street and on the East side of Purchase Street, Ninety five feet, Eight Inches long, And Seven feet Nine Inches wide at one End, & Seven feet at the other.

Another piece belonging to James Tate, North of Atkinsons Street and West on Purchase Street fifty feet long, and four feet four Inches wide at one End and five feet six Inches at the other.

Another piece on the High[way] North of Atkinsons Street, And West on Purchase Street, sixteen feet Eight Inches, and five feet six Inches wide at one End, and five feet Nine Inches wide at the Other End —

Wherefore in pursuance of the Power given and Granted to us the Subscribers, being two of the Justices of the Peace of said Town; — Do hereby appoint you the said Edward Procter, Nathaniel Hall, William Brown, Thomas Bayley, Edward Tyler, John Tileston, John Deming, Nathaniel Shepard, Moses May, Thomas Fleet, John Winslow and Samuel Ruggles Esqr. A Jury (after You have Sworn) to go and view the Lands & Premises Aforesaid belonging to the Several Persons aforenamed (who will be Notified to Attend if they see cause) that are taken away from them and added to the streets and Lanes aforesaid or either of them, and You are to ascertain [**451.**] The damages that any Person or Persons have Sustained by having their Lands and Premises taken away and Added to the Streets and Lanes aforesaid —

You are Likewise to determine by whom such damages and the Costs and Charges Attending such business shall be paid — And if it shall appear to you that the Estate of any Person or Persons are in Any wise benefited, or the Neighborhood or the Town, by the laying out or widening of any of the said Streets or Lanes, *You* are to Assess Each of said Persons in the Neighborhood, or the Town, such A Proportion of the said Damages, and Costs as to you shall appear Just and Equitable —

And as soon as you have Completed the Same, You are to make return hereof with your doings therein under your hands to us, or to one of us that the Same may be Entered with the Records of Said Town —

Witness our hands & Seals this Seventeenth day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety four —

Thomas Crafts }
Ezek^{l}. Price } Justices of the Peace

[**452.**] We, the Subscribers being A Jury appointed in, and by the Warrant hereunto Annexed for the Purposes therein Mentioned being duly Sworn, Went to and upon the Lands and Premises taken away from the abutters and Added to the Several Streets, Namely Purchase Street, Atkinsons Street, and Cow lane Staked and laid out, by the Justices of the Peace, and the Selectmen of the Town of Boston, as Particularly mentioned in said Warrant, And having Notified the Proprietors of said Land, and fully heard them, and Carefully viewed the Same. —

Find that the Land and Premises taken from the Several Persons and Added to the Streets Aforesaid, are Conformable to the Admeasurements in the Warrant, And the Plan laid before us. —

Have Assessed the Town of Boston As by the following Schedule — Viz^{t}.

The Late owners Names.	No. of Peic^s. mark'd on on ye margin of y^e. warrant	Value of the Land taken into the streets & the Damages Assessed	Assessment to the Late owners for bettering y^e. remainder of their Estates.	Assessm^t. to the Neighbourhood. Nothing as they have all been Sufferers	Assessment To ye Town	Sum Total
Jeffrey Richardson - -	N°. 1	5 ,, 19 ,, 3	5 ,, 19 ,, 3		£— ,, — ,, —	£5 ,, 19 ,, 3
D°. D°. - -	2	13 ,, 15 ,, 3				
D°. D°. - -	3	18 ,, 4 ,, 9	7 ,, — ,, —		25 ,, — ,, —	32 ,, — ,, —
Thomas Davis - - -	4	— ,, 14 ,, 3	— ,, 14 ,, 3		— ,, — ,, —	— ,, 14 ,, 3
D°. D°. - - -	5	1 ,, — 3	1 ,, — ,, 3		— ,, — ,, —	1 ,, — ,, 3
D°. D°. - - -	6	14 ,, 9 ,, —	8 ,, — ,, —		6 ,, 9 ,, —	14 ,, 9 ,, —
Jn°. Gray^s. Est^a. - -	7	15 ,, 17 ,, 3	24 ,, — ,, —		12 ,, 17 ,, 3	36 ,, 17 ,, 3
D°.— D°. - -	8	21 ,, ———				
D°.— D°. - -	9	14 ,, 14 ,, 9	10 ,, — ,, —		4 ,, 14 ,, 9	14 ,, 14 ,, 9
D°.— D°. - -	10	29 ,, 6 ,, 8	14 ,, 16 ,, 8		14 ,, 10 ,, —	29 ,, 6 ,, 8
Thomas Brewer - - -	11	11 ,, 14 ,, 6	15 ,, — ,, —		10 ,, 10 ,, —	25 ,, 10 ,, —
D°.— D°.— - - -	12	13 ,, 15 ,, 6				
Thomas Dawes Esqr -	13	1 ,, 6 ,, 7½	2 ,, 11 ,, 4½		9 ,, — ,, —	11 ,, 11 ,, 4½
D°.— D°.— -	17	10 ,, 4 ,, 9				
D°.— D°.— -	22	12 ,, 6 ,, 8	12 ,, 6 ,, 8		— ,, — ,, —	12 ,, 6 ,, 8
William Cowell - - -	14	13 ,, 13 ,, 6	7 ,, 1 ,, 6		6 ,, 12 ,, —	13 ,, 13 ,, 6
Widdow Low - - - -	15	8 ,, 15 ,, 6	4 ,, 5 ,, 6		4 ,, 10 ,, —	8 ,, 15 ,, 6
Geo. Blanchard - - -	16	16 ,, 4 ,, —	8 ,, 4 ,, —		8 ,, — ,, —	16 ,, 4 —
M^rs. Clouston - - -	18	18 ,, 16 ,, 4	3 ,, 16 ,, 4		15 ,, — ,, —	18 ,, 16 ,, 4

The Late owners Names.	No. of Peics. mark'd on on ye margin of ye. warrant	Value of the Land taken into the streets & the Damages Assessed	Assessment to the Late owners for bettering ye. remainder of their Estates.	Assessmt. to the Neighbourhood. Nothing as they have all been Sufferers	Assessment To ye Town	Sum Total
Saml. P. Savage - - -	19	45 ,, 8 ,, 9	51 ,, 3 ,, 11		12 ,, — ,, —	63 ,, 3 ,, 11
Do.— Do.— - - -	20	17 ,, 15 ,, 2				
Do.— Do.— - - -	21	31 ,, 1 ,, 5	31 ,, 1 ,, 5		— ,, — ,, —	31 ,, 1 ,, 5
Saml. Bangs - - - -	23	17 ,, 3 ,, 2	17 ,, 3 ,, 2		60 ,, — ,, —	77 ,, 3 ,, 2
Do. damges. filling up -	ye. well	60 ,, ———				
Vacant ——— - - -	24	26 ,, 7 ,, 11	26 ,, 7 ,, 11		— ,, — ,, —	26 ,, 7 ,, 11
Saml. Dillaway - - -	25	35 ,, 5 ,, 6	27 ,, 15 ,, 6		7 ,, 10 ,, —	35 ,, 5 ,, 6
James Tate - - - -	26	12 ,, 5 ,, 10	12 ,, 5 ,, 10		15 ,, — ,, —	27 ,, 5 ,, 10
Do. Damge. removg. the -	wall &c,	15 ,, ———				
		£502 ,, 6 ,, 6½	290 ,, 13 ,, 6½	,, —— ——	£211 ,, 13 ,, —	£502 ,, 6 ,, 6½

[**454.**] And we do report our Determination thereupon, that there be paid by the Town of Boston to the following persons, their Heirs and Assignes for damages sustain'd in or before the first of June next. Viz^{t}.

Jeffry Richardson	Twenty five pounds
Thomas Davis	Six pounds Nine shillings
John Gray's estate	Thirty two Pounds two shillings
Thomas Brewer	Ten pounds ten shillings
Thomas Dawes Esqr.	Nine pounds
William Cowell	Six pounds twelve shillings
Widow Low	Four pounds ten shillings
George Blanchard	Eight pounds
M^{rs}. Clouston	Fifteen pounds
Samuel P. Savage	Twelve pounds
Samuel Bangs	Sixty pounds
Samuel Dillaway	Seven pounds ten shillings
James Tate	Fifteen pounds

And That there be allowed and paid to the Sheriff for his Services Thirty shillings, to each of the two Justices who issued the warrant thirty shillings, and to each Jury-man the sum of forty eight shillings, amounting in the whole to the sum of Thirty three pounds six shillings for their Time, Trouble & Expen^{ces} in the Business assigned them as aforesaid.

Given under our Hands
Boston December 23^{d}.
1794.

Edward Proctor
Nathaniel Hall
William Brown
Thomas Bayley
Edward Tyler
John Tileston
John Deming
Nathaniel Shepard
Moses May
Thomas Fleet
John Winslow
Samuel Ruggles

To the Gentlemen
Selectmen of Boston.
The before written warrant with the doings thereon, being return'd to us the Subscribers, We do transmit the same to you in order that they may be Entered in the records of said Town.
Boston
Decr. 24th;
1794.

Thomas Crafts
Ezekiel Price
} Justices of the peace.

[**455.**] At a meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, at Faneuil Hall, on Monday the 2^{d}. day of February 10 °Clock A : M : being duly qualified and legally warned in public town meeting assembled

Warrant for calling the meeting — Read. —

Honble. Thomas Crafts Esqr.
chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote. —

The article relative to wooden Buildings, and the report of the Committee relative thereto — read, whereupon the same was taken up by Paragraphs, and after debate it was moved, and Voted that

Thomas Edwards Esqr.
John Lowell Junr. Esqr.
M^r^. Joseph Nye
John Winslow Esqr.
Joseph Blake Junr. Esqr.

be a Committee to consider that Paragraph in the Report of the Committee relative to Public Buildings and to report what was intended, by Buildings for carrying on manufactures

The Petition of Luther Eames and others relative to the introduction of fresh water into Boston was laid before the town in compliance with an order of the General Court: was read, — whereupon,

Voted. That the Town approve of the plan proposed in the Petition of Luther Eames and others, for the bringing fresh Water by subterranean Pipes into the Town of Boston, and have no objection to their being incorporated for that purpose, provided that in the Act of incorporation they are held to put the streets, which shall be opened for that purpose in as good repair as they were before, and that such other Guards and restrictions shall be made, as will secure the Town from injury by undertaking the Business.

Adjourned to 3 °Clock P. M. —

Three °Clock P. M. Met according to agreement.

The Committee chosen in the Forenoon reported, and after debate the Question was put vizt. whether the same shall be accepted — Passed in the negative. —

[**456.**] It was then moved and Voted — that any further consideration on the report relative to wooden Buildings subside, and the report was not accepted. —

Then the meeting was
Dissolved —

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in public

Town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 11th. day of Feby. 1795. 10 oClock A. M.

Warrant for calling the meeting — read

Honble. Thomas Crafts Esqr.
was chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote.

The Article in the warrant, vizt. — to take the sense of the Town on the propriety of adopting any further measures for the accomodation of the General Court with a piece of Land, for the purpose of erecting a new Court house — read — as also the request for calling this meeting and after debate had thereon,

Voted. almost unanimously that
William Tudor Esqr.
William Eustis Esqr.
Charles Jarvis Esqr.
Perez Morton Esqr.
John C. Jones Esqr.
Mr. Treasurer Russell
Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Harrison G. Otis Esqr.
William Little Esqr.
be a Committee for the purpose of procuring for the Commonwealth a piece of land proper for building a State house, and that they be authorized to make any contract for the purchase of it, for that purpose or to convey any piece of the Lands owned by the Town within the same, to the Commonwealth, which they [**457.**] may deem expedient for the interest of the Town, for the purpose of erecting a State house, — not alienating any part of the Common, unless the accomodation cannot be had on any other terms. —

The Town Clerk was prevented by the Moderator from putting the Question for a Vote of thanks, for his good services. — so the meeting was dissolved. —

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and legally warned, in public town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the ninth day of March Anno Domini 1795. 10 OClock Forenoon.

Prayer was made by the Revd. Dr. Eckley.

Warrant for calling the meeting — read —

Sundry Laws to be read at this meeting, were accordingly read.—

The Honble. Thomas Crafts Esqr.
was chosen Moderator by a hand Vote.

The Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes, for a Town Clerk, and the same being brought in and counted, it appeared that

William Cooper Esqr.

was chosen Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and an Oath of Office was administered to him by M^{r}. Justice Crafts.

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw and bring in their Votes, for nine Selectmen and upon sorting them it appeared, that the following Gentlemen. viz. —

Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Thomas Walley Esqr.
Deacon W^{m}. Boardman
M^{r}. Eben^{r}. Seaver
[458.] Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Thomas Edwards Esqr.
M^{r}. William Little
M^{r}. Charles Bulfinch (resigned)
William Scollay Esqr.

were chosen Selectmen for the year ensuing.

M^{r}. Joseph Russell

was chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, and the Oath of Office administered to him by the Town Clerk, the choice was unanimous.

Voted That the Town Treasurer give bond with sureties to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen, in the penalty of ten thousand pounds, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office. —

The Inhabitants having voted as directed for 12 Overseers of the Poor on counting and sorting the same it appeared that

Jon^{a}. Mason Esqr. (resigned)
John White Esqr. (ditto)
Edward Proctor Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
Saml. Parkman Esqr. (resigned)
Jon^{a}. L. Austin Esqr.
M^{r}. Edwd. Edes
Henry Hill Esqr.
John Codman Esqr
M^{r}. Willm. Smith
W^{m}. Phillips Junr. Esqr.
Stephen Gorham Esqr.

were chosen Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing. —

Votes for a Treasurer of the County of Suffolk, brought in and counted by the Moderator and the Town Clerk, when it appeared, that the whole number was two hundred eighty three. of which two hundred and fifty one were for Thomas Crafts Esqr. twenty

eight for Mr. Saml. Clap and four for Mr. Joseph Russell, all discreet suitable persons, being freeholders, and residents [**459.**] in said County.

Memo. An attested Copy hereof was given to Ezekiel Price Esqr. Clerk of the Sessions by Col— Crafts. —

The Inhabitants having as directed bro't in their votes for sixteen fire wards, and the same being sorted and counted it appeared that

John Winthrop Esqr.
Thomas Melvill Esqr.
Jabez Hatch Esqr.
Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
Mr. Edward Edes
Samuel Parkman Esqr.
Amasa Davis Esqr.
Mr. Russell Sturgis
Henry Jackson Esqr.
Capt. Mungo Mackay
William Scollay Esqr.
William Little Esqr.
Mr. James Tisdale
Joseph May Esqr.
Capt. Robert Gardner
Major Andrew Cunningham

were chose Fire wards for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the assessors be, and hereby are directed to set for such abatements of taxes as they shall judge reasonable, two days in each week after the delivery of the tax books, to the Collectors for the space of six weeks and no longer, saving that they be allowed to set, the last Week in February, Lords days excepted, for the abatement of the taxes of such persons as had not the opportunity of applying in the above limited time, by reason of their being out of the Commonwealth, or any other unavoidable hindrance, and that the assessors determine on the said two days, which is to be noted on the tax bills to be delivered the Inhabitants. —

The Votes having been brought in as directed for five Assessors, it appeared that the following Gentlemen were chosen Assessors for the year ensuing. viz. —

[**460.**] Giles Harris Esqr. (sworn)
Samuel Ruggles Esqr. do.
John R. Sigourney do.
Mr. Caleb Blanchard do.
Mr. Thomas Hichborn do.

Jonathan Mason Esqr. having declined serving as an Overseer

Voted that the thanks of the Town be and hereby are given to Jon^{a}. Mason Esqr. for his good and faithful services as an Overseer of the Poor for thirty years past.

John White Esqr., another of the Overseers having resigned, he also received the thanks of the town for the like services a great number of years past. —

Messrs. Shubael Hewes
Benj^{a}. Homans
John Butterfield (declines)
James Perkins (d^{o}.)
John Bosson
Henry Cumpston
Saml. White
Enoch May
David Lewis
Thomas Stevenson
Robert Smallpiece
Andrew Townsend
were chosen Constables for the year ensuing. —

Messrs. Eliakim Morse
Seth Wells
John Doubleday
Joseph Callender
Edwd. Davis Junr.
Minot Thayer
W^{m}. P. Blake
Joseph Carnes
John W. Blanchard
John Gardner
Eben^{r}. Larkin
W^{m}. Furness
were chosen Clerks of the Market for the year ensuing. —

Adjourned to 3 ^{o}Clock P. M.

[461.] 3 O.Clock P. M. Town met

The Selectmen
were chosen Surveyors of high ways.

M^{r}. Abraham Adams
was chosen informer of Deer for the year ensuing. —

Voted, that Herman Brimmer
Joseph Russell Junr.
Saml. Brown Esqr.
be, and hereby are appointed a Committee to audit the accompts

of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor; and said Committee are also directed to report the sum necessary to be raised for the service of the present year. —

Messrs. Benj^{a}. White
Moses Ayres
Thos. Rice
Willm. Todd (declines)
were chose Fence viewers for the year ensuing.

Messrs. Thos. Bradley
David Holly
Matthew Loring
W^{m}. Billings
were chosen Sealers of Leather for the year ensuing. —

Messrs. Jeffry Richardson
Isaac Davis
were chose Surveyors of Hemp for the year ensuing.

Messrs. Edward Jones
Richard Horsfall
Francis Booth
were chose Haywards for the year ensuing.

Messrs. George Cammell
Daniel Bell
were chose Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

Mess$_{rs}$. Joshua Weatherly
John Wells
were chosen Assaymasters for the ensuing year.

Edward Tuckerman Esqr.
M^{r}. Edwd. Edes
were chosen Surveyors of wheat for the year ensuing.

[462.] Messrs. Jirah Holbrook
Joseph Gleason
Capt. Alden Bass
William Jennings
Thomas Batter
were chosen Sealers of Wood for the year ensuing

Voted, That in addition to the Selectmen twelve persons shall now be chosen as a School Committee, — and the Votes being brought in counted, and sorted, it appeared that the following Gentlemen were chosen, viz. —

Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Rev^{d}. Saml. West
Rev^{d}. John Lathrop D. D.

Jon^{a}. L. Austin Esqr.
Willm. Tudor Esqr.
D^{r}. Thos. Welsh
Rev^{d}. John Clark
M^{r}. Willm. Smith
D^{r}. Aaron Dexter
Honble. George R. Minot Esqr.
D^{r}. David Townsend
Rev^{d}. Saml. Stillman D. D.

Voted, That the above named Gentlemen who conjunctly with the Selectmen are termed the School Committee be, and hereby are directed to carry the new system of Education, which has been adopted by the Town, into approbation: and said Committee are also authorized and empowered conjunctly to manage and regulate the affairs and Government of the Schools. and in future to exercise all the Powers, relating to the Schools and School masters, which the Selectmen, or such Committees are authoriz'd by the Laws of this Commonwealth, or the Votes of this town to exercise; any former Votes of the Town notwithstanding. —

Article in the warrant relative to supplying the Treasury — read — and after some debate it was moved and carried that this subside. —

The Votes being brought in for four Collectors of Taxes it appeared that

Messrs. Benj^{a}. Henderson
[463.] Thomas Bayley
James Thompson
Benj^{a}. Jepson

were chosen Collectors of taxes for the year ensuing. —

Messrs. John Champney
Joseph Bentley
Benj^{a}. Page
John Cogswell
Abraham Hayward
Benj^{a}. White
James Blake
James Robins
Edmund Ranger
William Clouston
William Darracott
Gibbins Bouve

were chosen Surveyors of Boards & Shingles for the year ensuing. —

Messrs. Joseph Loring
Thomas Barber
George Singleton
Edward Burt

Thomas Foster
William Parkman
John Bray
Henry Purket
Jon^{a}. Cushing
James Barry
Hezekiah Hudson
Phillip Hichborn
Joseph Whittemore

were chosen cullers of Staves & Hoops for the year ensuing.

Votes for an Inspector of Stone Lime having been brought in it appeared that

M^{r}. Joseph Blake (declines)

was chose Inspector of Stone Lime for the year ensuing.

Voted, That 5 ℘^{r}. Cent be, and hereby is allowed to the Collectors of taxes for the year ensuing, for all such sums of money and public securities as [**464.**] they shall collect and pay into the several Treasurers, of the sums committed to them to collect, also that such Collectors shall give Bond, with sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of their duty in said Office, and complying with this vote, and that they will not receive any premium or gratuity for discounting any orders, notes, or receipts, from the Treasurer of this State, or the Treasurer of this Town. —

On motion, Voted, That the Town Treasurer be directed to pay the several Schoolmasters out of the first monies he receives.

The Article in the warrant, viz: what measures the Town will take in consequence of the grant of a Township of Land at the eastern part of this Commonwealth, obtained on the petition of the Selectmen for the purpose of erecting and building a Hospital in the town of Boston — read. whereupon

Voted that
the Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Honble. Thomas Crafts Esqr.
William Little Esqr.
Thomas Edwards Esqr.
John Codman Esqr.

be a Committee to consider and report on this Article at the next May meeting.

The article in the warrant relative to the dimensions of the Rope walk Buildings &c &c. read, whereupon after some debate, Voted, that this article be left for consideration to the Selectmen, they to settle this matter as they shall judge most for the interest of the Town, upon the most liberal construction of the Votes passed by the Town, relative to the Rope walks at the bottom of the Common.

The petition of Wm. Darracott and Jona. Loring for an allowance on losses sustained by a contract for building the North Reading School, — read — whereupon — Voted. That the

Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
William Little Esqr.
William Bell Esqr.

[465.] be a Committee to consider the same and report thereon. —

The Article in the warrant relative to a Well, — left to a Selectmen to act thereon as they may judge proper. —

Voted, That all matters and things which shall remain unfinished at this meeting be referred over to May meeting. —

Voted, that the thanks of the Town be given to the Honble. Thos. Crafts Esqr. for his good services as Moderator.

Then the meeting was
dissolved.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Boston, duly qualified and legally warned, in public Town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 23d. day of March A. D. 1795. 10 °Clock A. M. —

Warrant for calling the meeting — read —

Honble. Thomas Crafts Esqr.
chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote. —

A communication in the Paper of this day published by Mr. Edes, — "reflecting on the conduct of the Selectmen in collecting and counting the Votes for School Committee at a late meeting, was read — whereupon Voted, that Mr. Edes be sent for, — Mr. Edes appeared, and being questioned as to said publication, informed the Town that it was brought him by Mr. Saml. How, whereupon Mr. How was sent for, — but previous to his coming into meeting — Mr. John Vinal, master of the writing School in the Common, — read and handed in to the Moderator a paper by him signed, and purporting that for various reasons he should resign the School the first of June next which would complete 14 years since he re-entered into the service of the Town. —

[466.] Mr. Vinal then acquainted the Town. that he had communicated what had been carried to the Press by Mr. How, and gave his reasons for a justification of his conduct herein.

Mr. Howe then appeared and after some altercation between him and Mr. Vinal, as also with the Selectmen, which were duly

considered by the Town — it was moved and Voted, unanimously. —

That the reflections contained in the Boston Gazette of this date to the disadvantage of the Selectmen of this Town is wholly unfounded, — and that the Selectmen will continue to deserve the confidence of their Fellow Citizens.

An advertisement in the Centinel of Saturday last, for the sale of Town Orders, was read, — and it being the sense of the Town that such a publication was greatly injurious to its interest, — it was moved and voted that the Printer, Mr. Benja. Russell, be sent for —

Mr. Russell appeared, and being questioned by the Moderator, declared, that Mr. Bingham, master of the Reading school in School street, was the Person who handed to him said Advertisement. —

Mr. Bingham being sent for, appeared, and owned himself to be the writer of said advertisement, and after considerable [evidence] had been offered by the Town to show the destructive tendency of such publications, and practices — it was moved, and Voted, that this matter subside. —

The Votes being brought in for one Selectman in the room of Mr. Bulfinch, who has resigned, it appeared that

Mr. Jesse Putnam

was chosen a Selectman for the year ensuing.

The Votes being brought in for three Overseers of the Poor, it appeared that

Messrs. Oliver Brewster
Arnold Wells Junr.
Dr. Redford Webster

were chosen Overseers of the Poor for the year ensuing.

[467.] Mr. Bulfinch as a Selectman, and Mr. Parkman as an Overseer received the thanks of the Town for their good services in those Offices a number of years past. —

The Votes being brought in for 3 cullers of Dry Fish, it appeared that

Capt. Roger Bartlett
Capt. Joseph Doble
Capt. David Bruce

were chose cullers of Dry Fish for the year ensuing.

Messrs. John Cades
Thomas Tenant

were chose Constables for the year ensuing.

The Selectmen are directed to insert in the next warrant an Article relative to procuring better accommodations for the Town Poor in the Alms House. —

The Votes, being brought in for an Inspector of Stone Lime, in the room of Mr. Blake who declines serving, it appeared that Mr. Edward Rumley was chosen.

Voted, that any matter unfinish'd be referr'd over to May meeting.

Voted, that the thanks of the town be given to the Honble. Thos. Crafts Esqr. for his good services as Moderator.

Then the meeting was dissolved.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, of twenty one years of age and upwards, qualified as the Constitution prescribes, and legally warned, in public town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall, on Monday the 6th. day of April Anno Domini 1795.

Prayer by the Revd. John Clark.

Warrant for Calling Meeting, — read. —

[**468.**] Paragraph of the Constitution or frame of Government relative to the choice of Governour, Lieutenant Governour, and Senators — read. —

It was then declared by the Selectmen, that no Votes would be received, but such as were unfolded, and that they propose the Poll should be closed at half past One OClock, the Votes to be received at the table and the Bell to begin tolling at One °Clock.

Persons Voted for as Governour, with the number of the Votes for each Person viz. —

		Votes
His Excellency	Samuel Adams Esqr.	2008
	Thomas Russell Esqr.	6
	William Cushing Esqr.	10
	Elbridge Gerry Esqr.	7
	Saml. Phillips Esqr.	1
	Increase Sumner Esqr.	1
	Moses Gill Esqr.	1
	John Vinal Esqr.	6
	Saml. Hewes Esqr.	2
	Benja. Austin Junr. Esqr.	1

Persons Voted for as Lieutenant Governour with the number of Votes for each Person, viz

	Votes
His Honour Moses Gill Esqr.	2029
Thos. Russell Esqr.	6
Saml. Adams Esqr.	1
James Bowdoin Esqr.	4
Saml. Hewes	4
Adam Colson	2
Edwd. H. Robins Esqr.	1
Elbridge Gerry Esqr.	1

Persons Voted for as Senators for the County of Suffolk, with the number of votes for each Person, viz.

Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.	2040
Honble. Benj^{a}. Austin Junr. Esqr.	825
Honble. Oliver Wendell Esqr.	2003
Honble. Charles Cushing Esqr.	791
Theophilus Cushing Esqr.	1259
Honble. John Coffin Jones Esqr.	1233
[469.] Honble. Thos. Russell Esqr.	3
Jon^{a}. Mason Esqr.	5
Saml. Brown Esqr.	1
Henry Hill Esqr.	1
Charles Jarvis Esqr.	3
Thos. Crafts Esqr.	2
W^{m}. Eustis Esqr.	1
Saml. Adams, Truckman	1

Attested Copies of the Persons voted for as Governour, Lieutenant Governour and Senators for the County of Suffolk, were committed to the Secretary of this Commonwealth, and the inclosures sealed up in town meeting superscribed as follows, viz.

For
John Avery Esqr.
Secretary of the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts. —

The number of Votes of the town of Boston, for a Governour, Lieu^{t}. Governour and four Senators, for the County of Suffolk, certified within and sealed up in town meeting, —

Then the meeting was
dissolved.

At a meeting of the qualified Voters of the town of Boston legally convened at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 6th. day of May, Anno Domini 1795. 10 O Clock A. M. — agreeable to a precept, issued for that purpose. —

Warrant for calling the meeting — read.

Precept, and the resolve of the General Court read. —

Adjourned to 3 °Clock P. M. —

3 °Clock P. M. met according to adjournment.

The Precept and resolve of the General Court, for calling the said meeting was read — and after the matter had been fully debated and due consideration had thereon —

		Votes
[470.]	The number of votes for revising the Constitution - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	78
	The number of votes against revising the Constitution - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	49

The Selectmen made declaration accordingly and the number of votes, for and against the revising the Constitution, were then sealed up in town meeting, and the same was directed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and given to Mr. Peirce for delivery.

Then the meeting was
dissolved.

At a meeting of the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the town of Boston, duly qualified and legally warned, in public town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the 11th. day of May Anno Domini 1795. 10 °Clock, A. M.

Prayer made by the Revd. Mr. Freeman.

Warrant for calling the meeting — read —

That part of the Constitution or frame of Government which relates to the choice of Representatives — read —

Sundry Laws to be read at said meeting, were accordingly — read. —

The town having determined by a Vote to choose seven persons to represent them to the General Court, of Massachusetts, to be held in the State House, in Boston, on the last Wednesday of May, Current, agreeably to the Constitution or frame of Government for Massachusetts, the Inhabitants were directed by the Selectmen to withdraw, and bring in their Votes, for seven representatives, and then it was declared by the Selectmen, that no Votes would be received but such as are unfolded, and that they intend the Poll shall be closed at a half past One °Clock, Bell to

toll a little before that time. Assessors and Collectors directed to attend. —

The Votes being brought in for seven Representatives the number of the same were found to be 1957. and upon sorting them it appeared that [**471.**] only the six following Gentlemen had obtain'd a majority of Votes. viz.

	Votes
Jon^{a}. Mason Esqr. - - - - - - -	1915
Charles Jarvis Esqr. - - - - - -	1125
William Tudor Esqr. - - - - - -	1947
Thos. Edwards Esqr. - - - - - -	1051
William Eustis Esqr. - - - - - -	1953
Willm. Little Esqr. - - - - - - -	1054

and declaration was made by the Selectmen accordingly.

Adjourned to Wednesday next, 10 °Clock A. M. having previously chosen Col°. Crafts Moderator by a hand Vote, to transact the other Business mentioned in the Warrant. ·

May 13. 1795. — 10 °Clock, A. M. met according to adjournment.

The Selectmen presiding

The Votes being brought in as directed for one Representative, the number of the same were found to be at the closing of the Poll, at a half past One oClock 1814 Votes

And upon sorting them it appeared that

Stephen Gorham Esqr.

Votes.

had obtained a majority of Votes. ——— 1113

Declaration was made by the Selectmen to the Town, that Stephen Gorham Esqr. and the six aforenamed Gentlemen were chosen Representatives by a majority of Votes.

The choice of Representatives being over and declared. — The Honble. Thos. Crafts Esqr. Moderator, took the chair in order to transact the other Business mentioned in the warrant. — and on motion, adjourned to 3 oClock P. M. —

3 °Clock P. M. met according to adjournment.

The article in the warrant viz. "what measures are proper to be taken for the better accommodation of the Poor, by erecting new buildings or otherwise." — was read — whereupon

Voted, that Col°. Dawes
D^{r}. Eustis
D^{r}. Jarvis

Col°. Crafts
Deacon Mason
Wm. Tudor
[472.] Willm. Phillips Junr.
H. G. Otis
John Sweetser Esqr.
be a Committee to take up this matter at large, and report at the adjournment.

The article in the warrant. viz. — "Whether the Land belonging to the town at the bottom of the Mall, lately called Fosters pasture, shall be opened into the Common" was read, whereupon

Voted, That the Selectmen be directed to carry the Mall to the end of Fosters pasture, lately so called, and after widening the street, the remainder of the Land to be inclosed for the future use of the town.

The article in the warrant viz. "Whether any, or what part of the town's Real Estate shall be sold for payment of the sum given by the town for the late Governours pasture" was read, — whereupon

Voted, that Joseph Russell Junr. Esqr.
Col°. Dawes
Willm. Little Esqr.
be a Committee to consider this matter and report at the adjournment.

Mr. Robert Pierponts application for permission to make a Cellar under Faneuil Hall market and long lease, — was read and debated whereupon

Voted, That the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Article relative to the Dam on the neck, was read, whereupon,

Voted, That the Selectmen be a Committee to take into consideration the probable advantages and disadvantages of the repairing, or new erecting the Dam on the East side of the neck, and the probable expence it may occasion.

The Consideration of money matters, and reports of Committees is assigned to the adjournment, and the Town Clerk is to give notice thereof in the several public prints. —

[473.] The Committee appointed at a town meeting on the 11th. of February last, for the purpose of procuring for the Commonwealth a piece of Land, proper for building a State House, and that they be authoriz'd to make any contract for the purchase of it for that purpose, or to convey any piece of the Lands owned

by the town within the same to the Commonwealth, which they may deem expedient, for the interest of the town, for the purpose of erecting a State house, not alienating any part of the Common, unless the accommodation cannot be had on any other terms." — Report —

That they have in compliance with the aforesaid Vote, purchas'd from the Heirs of the late Governour Hancock, a piece of Land on the north easterly side of the mansion house of the late Governour Hancock, commonly called the Governour's pasture; at the price of Four thousand pounds, and after receiving a Deed of the same, have executed a Deed in fee of the same premises to the Commonwealth for the purposes aforesaid; that in order to effect the purpose aforesaid, your Committee found it necessary to borrow of the Massachusetts & Union Banks the sum of One thousand pounds, & on the same day, viz. the 6th. of April last, gave their Notes on interest, for the remainder of the purchase money, payable by instalments of three, six & nine months, — All which is submitted for the consideration & confirmation of the Inhabitants of the Town. — By order

Boston | Wm. Tudor
May 13th. 1795 | Chairman

The above report was read, and accepted, and thereupon Voted, that the purchase of the premises therein mentioned, and the grant of the same to the Commonwealth be, and hereby is confirmed.

Adjourned to Thursday, the 21st. of May inst. at 10 °Clock, A. M. —

Thursday May 21st. 10 °Clock, A. M. met according to adjournment. —

[474.] The Committee appointed to determine what part of the Town's Real Estate should be sold for the purpose of paying the money, which the town have agreed to pay for the Governour's pasture, so called. —

Beg leave to report that they have attended that Business and have apprais'd the Estate at Dock square occupied by William Dawes, Robert Crocker, and Eliakim Morse - - - - £3200
And the Estate at Court Street, occupied by Jesse Houghton, Elizth. B. Brown & Jesse Green - - 900

£4100

The Committee are of opinion that these Estates had better be sold at Auction, and the money appropriated for the purpose of taking up the notes, given by the Committee for the purchase money, to the late Governour Hancock's Heirs.

Joseph Russell Junr. ℘r. order.

The aforegoing report having been read, and considered, the question was put, viz., whether the same shall be accepted, — passed in the affirmative. It was then Voted that the Selectmen be appointed agents to sell at public Auction (upon such terms and conditions as they may deem most beneficial to the town) the Estate described, in the foregoing report, and that the proceeds thereof be in the first instance, appropriated to the sole purpose of discharging the debt contracted for the purchase of the Governours pasture, so called, and the residue paid into the town treasury.

And said agents or a major part of them are hereby authoriz'd to make and execute good and sufficient conveyances of the premises to the purchasers, in the name of the Inhabitants.

The Committee appointed "To consider what measures are proper to be taken for the better accommodation of the Poor, by erecting new buildings or otherwise" — having considered the subject at large, ask leave to report as follows, viz.

1st. That [it] is highly expedient to have the poor and sick Inhabitants usually provided for in the present Alms [**475.**] house, and work house, better accommodated; and that to effect, this desirable object, it is indispensably necessary, that an entire new set of Buildings should be erected in some suitable place to be approved of by the Town. —

2nd. The Committee find that a lot of ground suitable for the purpose can be had at West Boston, on the north side of Leverett street, commonly called Barton's point. —

3d. In order to raise the money to purchase a sufficient quantity of Land in this place, the Committee are of opinion, that it is expedient for the town to sell as many house lots in their Land opposite the mall, and near Greenleafs corner as will effect the purchase; There will after this remain a sufficiency of Land for the School house, and Hay market. —

4th. It is further the opinion of the Committee, that the monies raised by the sale of all the Land now occupied for the Alms house, Work house, and Granary, may prove sufficient to erect as many buildings, as are at present indispensably necessary; should they however prove insufficient, the township of Eastern Lands, the property of the town, will make good the deficiency without burthening the Inhabitants with a tax. —

5th. The Committee propose that the building, commonly called the Granary, be taken down, and placed in the lot called Fosters pasture, and continue to be the town's property; in the same place may be accommodated the Gun house. —

6th. As it is impossible to ascertain the expence of erecting the new buildings on the one hand, and on the other, what the

land will sell for, where the Alms house &c, now stand, and as it is highly probable that the town may not be able to receive their payment at such times, as to accommodate their necessary expenditures, the committee respectfully recommend to the town to appoint agents with plenary powers, to purchase the Land before mentioned, at Bartons point, to erect thereon a plain but commodious set of Buildings for the accommodation of the sick, and poor Inhabitants, on a plan to be approved of by the Selectmen, or such other persons as the town shall appoint. — that their [**476.**] Committee be authoriz'd to sell a sufficient number of House lots, opposite the mall as aforementioned, and also to sell all the Land where the Alms house, Work house and Granary now stand, in such lots, at such time and in such manner, as shall best promote the interest of the town, provided however, and it shall be a condition of the sale of this last mentioned Land, that the buildings to be erected thereon shall be constructed of Brick, covered with tile or slate, and shall be regular and uniform. — That their Committee be also impowered to sell a part or the whole of the Eastern Township if necessary. — And to anticipate the payment of any monies due from the sales here mentioned, by borrowing in the name of the town such sums as they may from time to time, judge necessary. —

All which is submitted.

Boston May 21. 1795. — Thomas Dawes
pr. order

The aforegoing report having been considered, Paragraph by Paragraph, the Question was put at large, viz. whether this report shall be accepted, — Passed in the affirmative unanimously. —

Also Voted, that the number of Agents, for which a blank was left in the aforegoing report, shall be three, and that they shall be chosen by [vote] at the adjournment, and notice given thereof, in the public prints. —

Adjourned to Monday next, 10 °Clock before noon.

Monday the 25th. May, 10 °Clock A. M. — Met according to adjournment.

The Inhabitants having brought in their Votes for three Agents for purchase of Land &c. as per report of Committee relative to Alms house &c. and, on being sorted it appeared that only two were chosen viz.

Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Samuel Brown Esqr.

The Inhabitants brought in their Votes a second time, and on sorting them it appeared that

the Honble. George R. Minct Esqr.

was chosen the other Agent. — whereupon

[477.] Voted, — That Thomas Dawes
Samuel Brown
George R. Minot Esqr.
be, and they hereby are appointed Agents for, and in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town, to sell at public Auction, at such time, and times as they shall deem necessary, and expedient, public notice being first given three weeks at least, all or any part or parts of the following lands and Buildings, in that parcel of Land belonging to the Town opposite the Mall, bounded on Common street, and Mason street, also all that parcel of Land now occupied for an Alms house, work house, and other purposes, extending from Common street to Beacon street, and to make and execute good and sufficient Deeds and conveyances thereof to the purchasers; upon express condition, that all Buildings to be erected on the lands sold by virtue of this Vote, shall be regular and uniform, and of Brick, or Stone, and covered with slate or tile, or some materials that will resist Fire, also for, and in behalf of the Inhabitants to contract, bargain for and purchase so much Land at Bartons point (so called) as they may deem necessary and expedient, for the erection of such Hospitals, Alms houses, and other Buildings as may be proper, and convenient to accommodate the Poor and Sick, and other Persons usually accomodated in the Alms house, and work house, and to contract for, and provide materials, plan, construct, erect, and complete Buildings sufficient for the aforesaid & other necessary objects. — And for the foregoing purposes, the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed from time to time, upon request of said agents to borrow such sums of money, as may be requisite, and to obligate the Inhabitants for the payment thereof. — And all monies arising from the sale of the above mentioned Lands & Buildings shall be forthwith paid by said Agents into the hands of the Treasurer of the Town, who is hereby enjoined to deposit the same in some Bank or Banks, to be drawn out at the request of said Agents, [478.] And to be appropriated solely and exclusively to the aforesaid objects. — And the said Agents are further authorized to remove any Building or Buildings, (now on or any part of the premises) to any other Lands belonging to the Town, if they shall think proper, with the approbation of the Selectmen, or wholly to take down and dispose of the same at public sale as aforesaid. — And if the funds arising from the sale of the above mentioned Estates shall not be likely, in the judgment of said Agents, to prove adequate to the aforesaid objects, the said Agents, with the approbation of the Selectmen, are further authoriz'd to contract for the sale of the Township belonging to the Town, in the Eastern Country, and the Selectmen are hereby authoriz'd and directed to make good and sufficient Deeds thereof to such persons as may purchase the same of said Agents; and the monies arising therefrom shall be appropriated as aforesaid. —

Adjourned to 4 °Clock P. M.

Four °Clock P. M. met according to adjournment. —

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of Wm. Darracott and Jona. Loring, Housewrights, employed in Building the North School have attended that service, and ask leave to report the following — Thos. Dawes ℘r. order. — The Committee have examined the several accounts and vouchers exhibited by the petitioner, for building the North School House, and find that the sum of two hundred and thirty pounds, being the amount of the contract with them, have not been but little more than adequate for the purchasing the materials, and as the workmanship is well executed it is their opinion that the Town allow and pay them, out of the next Town tax, the sum of one hundred pounds as a full compensation for the aforesaid Buildings agreeable to the prayer of their Petition.

The aforegoing report having been considered the [**479.**] Question was put viz. whether the same shall be accepted — passed in the affirmative —

Voted, that Thomas Dawes
Perez Morton
Willm. Tudor Esqr.
be a Committee to confer with the Gentlemen Selectmen relative to the Lands to be left open between Messrs. Richardson and Emmons Rope walks, also such other matters relative to the New Street from Atkinson street to Hutchinson street; and bring the matter in dispute between, the Town and the Rope makers, proprietors of the Rope walks late consumed by Fire, to a decision.—

The Committee appointed to audit the Town Treasurers accompts [reported] and have attended that service, and ask leave to report; That they find the accounts of the said Treasurer well vouched and rightly cast, there was due to the Town the first of March 1795. (if the outstanding debts could be collected)

		£5803 ,, 13 ,, 0
But your Committee are of opinion the following never can be, viz:		
Accot. of Towns Powder stands in Debt by ye Books	£312 ,, 11 ,, 8	
Samuel. Jepson - - - -	21 ,, 10 ,, 6	
Ephraim Brown - - - -	12 ,, 6 ,, 8	
Peirce & Wheeler - - - -	7 ,, 10 ,, 0	
	353 ,, 18 ,, 10	
To which may be added a supposed abatement on 1794 tax	599 ,, 14 ,, 2	
		953 ,, 13 ,, 0
Which will reduce the balance due the Town to		4850 ,, 0 ,, 0

The Selectmens drafts on the Treasurer from 1st. March 1794. to 1st. March 1795 amount to - - - - - - -	£8212 ,, 19 ,, 9½
The Overseers for the same period were - -	3053 ,, 7 ,, 11
	£11265 ,, 18 ,, 8½

The Balances due from the several Collectors on 1st. Mar. 1795 as in the tryal balance of the Books, amount to	£9880 ,, 1 ,, 8¾

[480.] Since which to 11th. inst. has been received of them, by the Treasurer, (which is the whole of 1793. and part of 1794 Tax) - - - - - - - - - - - 2773 ,, 8 ,, 7¾

So there is now due from the Collectors on account of 1794 tax - - - - - - - -	£7106 ,, 13 ,, 1

Your Committee from the best information they can get, Report, that a tax of £12000 will be necessary to defray the following expences of the current Year, viz. —

School masters and Ushers as last Year - -	£2227	,,	,, ,,
Repairing schools, wood & ca' - - - -	200	,,	,, ,,
Watchmen, Coals, Candles & ca' - - - -	600	,,	,, ,,
Assessors pay - - - - - - - - - - - -	650	,,	,, ,,
Collector's premiums - - - - - - - - -	600	,,	,, ,,
Lamps, if light the year - - - - - - - -	1000	,,	,, ,,
Town Clerk's salary - - - - - - - - -	200	,,	,, ,,
Town Treasurers ditto - - - - - - - -	200	,,	,, ,,
Officer of Police d°. - - - - - - - -	180	,,	,, ,,
Messenger to the Selectmen - - - - - -	70	,,	,, ,,
Clerks of the market - - - - - - - - -	10	,,	,, ,,
Constables service - - - - - - - - - -	25	,,	,, ,,
Interest on Monies owed by the Town now due - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	102	,,	,, ,,
Ditto for the present Year - - - - - - -	180	,,	,, ,,
	£6244	,,	,, ,,

Repairing Clocks - - - - - - - - - - -	£18	,,	,, ,,
New Engine - - - - - - - - - - - - -	120	,,	,, ,,
Repairing Engines - - - - - - - - - -	50	,,	,, ,,
Printing for the Town - - - - - - - - -	50	,,	,, ,,
Stationary - - - - - - - - - - - - -	25	,,	,, ,,
Ringing of Bells - - - - - - - - - - -	75	,,	,, ,,
Paving streets - - - - - - - - - - - -	1800	,,	,, ,,
Pay for a new street - - - - - - - - -	211	,, 13	,, ,,
D°. for the late Governors pasture - - -	4000	,,	,, ,,

Dam on the neck - - - - - - - - - -		1000 ,,		,,	,,
To finish the survey of the Town - - -		130 ,,		,,	,,
New Streets thro' ye Rope walks - - - -		1000 ,,		,,	,,
Incidental charges, visiting Schools &c - -		126 ,,	7	,,	,,
[**481.**] For the Overseers of the Poor - -		3000 ,,		,,	,,
		11606 ,,	0	,,	0
		6244 ,,			
		£17850 ,,	0	,,	0
From which may be deducted. —					
Balance due the Town as by the within statement - - - - - - - - - - -	£4850 ,, ,, ,,				
Suppose will be received from the Commonwealth for the support of their Poor - - - - - - - - -	1000 ,, ,, ,,				
		5850 ,,		,,	,,
		£12000 ,,	0	,,	0

Your Committee therefore recommend that the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND POUNDS be assessed for the present Year, unless the Town provide for the payment of the late Governors pasture or any other part of the Estimate of expences, in some other way, than by a tax. — All which is submitted. —

Herman Brimmer
Joseph Russell Junr.
Saml. Brown

The aforegoing report having been considered, it was Voted, that the same be accepted. —

Voted, That the sum of Twelve thousand pounds be raised by a tax to be assessed on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town, to defray the expences of the current Year.

Voted, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be allowed and paid to Joseph Russell for his services as Town Treasurer the present year, the same to be paid him in quarterly payments as it shall become due & to commence the first of March last. —

Voted, That the sum of two hundred pounds be allowed and paid unto William Cooper for his services as Town Clerk, the present year, the same to be paid him quarterly, as it shall become due and to commence the first of March last. —

Voted, That the sum of one hundred and thirty [**482.**] Pounds be allowed to each of the Assessors for their respective services the present year, the same to be paid them quarterly, as it shall become due, and to commence the first of March last. —

Voted, That the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds be allowed and paid unto Josiah Waters, for his services as Officer of the Police, the present year, to be paid him quarterly as it shall become due. —

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the probable advantages and disadvantages of the preparing or new erecting the Dam, on the East side the neck, and the probable expence it may occasion, having attended that Business, report as their opinion that it will be most for the benefit of the Town, that a new Dike should be made, according to the modern plan, as the present Dam is in so ruinous and decayed a state as to render a complete repair almost as expensive as a new one, and at the same time will not fully answer the purposes intended, and expected. — The time for which it is now leased will expire the 4th. April. 1797.

The quantity of Land on this side the neck exclusive of salt marsh, without the Dam, is nearly 50 acres; should we be successful in keeping out the salt water, & we see nothing to prevent it, calculating upon the experience of individuals who have had Land in similar situations, the probable profit to the town will be 500 Dollrs. annually, while from the best inquiries and calculations the expence will not exceed £1000, — if our calculations are just this will yield us 15 ℘ Cent, for our money, we can conceive no probable disadvantage that can arise to the Town, from this measure, unless the expence at this particular time should be thought so, in addition to the pecuniary advantage which we presume the town will experience, we think it no small one, that the Eye will be relieved from the view of a barren waste, by a beautiful & pleasing verdure: — and should the Town in a future day think proper to sell the same, we presume the value will be [**483.**] enhanced much beyond the expence. By order

Ezekl. Price. —

The aforegoing report having been read, and considered, the question was put, viz whether the same shall be accepted, — passed in the affirmative.

Voted, That all matters and things unfinished at this meeting, be referred over to the next general Town meeting.

Voted, That the thanks of the Town be given to the Honble. Thos. Crafts Esqr. for his good services as Moderator of this meeting. —

Then the meeting was dissolved.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly qualified and legally warned, in public town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall on Saturday the 4th day of July A. D. 1795. — 10 °Clock A. M.

Warrant for calling the meeting — read. —

William Cooper
was chosen Moderator by a hand Vote. —

The Committee appointed the last year to make choice of a Gentleman, to deliver an Oration on the anniversary of Independence. —

Reported, that they had made choice of Mr. George Blake Esqr. — who has accepted. —

On motion, Voted, That the Oration be delivered at the Old South Church, 11 °Clock, Liberty therefor, having been obtained.

Voted, That the Gentleman, the Selectmen acquaint Mr. Blake with this Vote.

Adjourned to the Old South Church.

[484.] AN ORATION

to commemorate the Independence of the United States was delivered by Geo. Blake Esqr. at the Old South Church. —

On motion Voted, That the Selectmen be, and hereby are appointed a Committee to wait on George Blake Esqr. and in the name of the Town, to thank him for the spirited and elegant Oration this day delivered by him, at the request of the Town, upon the anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America, in which according to the institution of the Town, he considered the feelings, manners and principles which led to that great national event, — And to request of him a Copy thereof for the Press. —

On motion, Voted, that the Gentlemen Selectmen be, and hereby are appointed a Committee to apply to some one Learned and able Gentleman, to deliver an Oration on the 4th. of July, A. D. 1796. — that day being the anniversary of the independence of the United States of America; wherein the Orator is to consider the feelings, manners, and principles which led to this great national event, — as well as the important and happy effects whether general or Domestic, which have already, and will forever flow, from that auspicious Epoch. —

Then the meeting was
dissolved.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly qualified and legally warned in public town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall on Friday the 10th. day of July A. D. 1795.

Warrant for calling the meeting — read.

Honble. Thos. Crafts Esqr.
chosen Moderator by a hand Vote. — being unwell.
[485.] Honble. Thos. Dawes
was chosen Moderator by a Hand Vote. —

The article in the warrant, relative to the pending Treaty — read, and after considerable debate,

It was moved and Voted, That the sense of the Inhabitants be taken upon the Treaty now pending between the United States and Great Britain, and the question being clearly stated, it was called for in the affirmative; and not a single Vote appeared in its favor; upon which the negative was put, and was unanimously carried. The Hall was remarkably crowded, on this important occasion. It was then moved and Voted, that

Charles Jarvis Esqr
William Tudor Esqr.
Willm. Eustis Esqr.
Benj^a^. Austin Junr. Esqr.
Capt. Nathl. Fellows
Perez Morton Esqr.
Saml. Brown Esqr.
Thomas Dawes Esqr.
Joseph Blake Junr. Esqr.
William Little Esqr.
Willm. Cooper Esqr.
George Blake Esqr.
Stephen Gorham Esqr.
John Sweetser Esqr.
Thos. Walley Esqr.

be a Committee to take the subject at large into consideration, and to state the objections to the several articles of the Treaty, that the same may be respectfully represented by an address to the President of the United States, and request the interposition of his constitutional Authority to prevent the said Treaty being carried into effect.

The meeting was then adjourned to Monday next, 10 °Clock. A. M. —

Monday the 13th. day of July 10 °Clock A. M. met according to adjournment.

[**486.**] On a motion of Dr. Jarvis, Chairman of the Committee of 15th. — The pending Treaty was distinctly read in Town meeting by the Moderator. —

The Committee then Reported as follows, viz.

A Pamphlet printed at Philadelphia under the signature of S. T. Mason Esqr. one of the Senators of the United States, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, and purporting to be a genuine Copy of a Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation, entered into at London, on the 19th. day of November last, between Lord Grenville on the part of his Britannick Majesty, and John Jay Esqr. on the part of the United States, was read and duly considered, and thereupon it was,

Resolved, As the sense of the Inhabitants of this Town, that the aforesaid *Instrument*, if Ratified, will be highly Injurious to the commercial interests of the United States, derogatory to their National Honour, and Independence, and may be dangerous to the Peace & Happiness of their Citizens. The reasons which have induced this opinion are as follows, vizt.

1st. Because, This Compact professes to have no referrence to the Merits of the Complaints and pretensions of the contracting parties; but in reality the complaints and pretensions of Great Britain are *fully* provided for, while a part only of those of the United states have been brought into Consideration. —

2dly. Because, in the stipulation which restores *our* Posts on the Western Frontier, no provision is made to indemnify the United states for the Commercial, and other Losses they have sustained, and the heavy expences to which they have been subjected in consequence of being kept out of possession, for twelve Years in direct violation of the Treaty of Peace. —

3dly. Because, no indemnification is proposed to be made to the Citizens of the United States, for property [**487.**] taken from them at the close of the War, the restitution of which is provided for in the same Treaty.

4thly. Because, the Capture of Vessels and property of Citizens of the United States during the present War, made under the Authority of the Government of Great Britain, is a National Concern, and claims arising from such Captures ought not to have been submitted to the decision of their admiralty Courts as the United States are thereby precluded from having a voice in the final determination of such cases. — Because, the Indemnification proposed, is to be sought by a Process tedious and expensive, in which justice may be *delayed*, to an unreasonable time, and eventually lost to many of the sufferers from their inability

to pursue it; and because this mode of Indemnification bears no proportion to the *summary* method adopted for the satisfaction of British claims.

5thly. Because, this compact admits British subjects to an equal participation with our own citizens of the interior traffic of the United states with the neighboring Indians thro' our whole territorial dominions; while the advantages ostensibly reciprocated to our citizens are limited both in their nature and extent.

6thly. Because, the alien duties upon merchandize imported into the United states by British subjects in their own Bottoms is, if not wholly suspended, at least contracted, not to be increased. —

7thly. Because, the Commerce the United States have hitherto enjoyed in India, *in common with other Nations*, is so restricted that in future it will be of little, or no substantial benefit to our own Citizens. —

[**488.**] 8thly. Because, in every stipulation respecting our intercourse with the *Colonial* possessions of Great Britain, the whole commerce of the United States in such intercourse is *colonized* in return. —

9thly. Because, the clause by which the British Government reserves to itself the right of imposing on American Vessels, entering British ports in Europe, a Duty which shall countervail the difference of the Duty payable on the importation of European and Asiatic Goods into the United States in British or American bottoms, places it in the power of *that* Government to enable British subjects to become the importers of Asiatic and European Goods into the United states to the exclusion of *our own* Citizens.

10thly. Because, altho' the terms of said Treaty purport to be reciprocal in many instances, yet from the local situation and existing circumstances of the United states, and the Pacific system of policy they have adopted, that reciprocity is merely nominal and delusive.

11thly. Because, it prevents the United States from imposing any further restrictions on the British trade alone, and because it is stipulated that neither the debts due from Individuals of the one Nation to Individuals of the other, nor shares, nor monies which they may have in the public funds, or in any public or private Banks, shall *ever* in any event of war, or national difference, be sequestered or confiscated, — as it is far from being impossible that the exercise of this right may in the opinion of the Legislature of the United states, contribute to preserve the peace of our Country, and protect the rights and property of the citizens from violation, we therefore esteem it highly impolitic that the

public faith should be pledged that *it* shall *never* be exercised under any circumstances whatever. —

[**489.**] 12thly. Because, it concedes a Right to the British Government, to search and detain our Vessels in time of War between them and other Nations, under frivolous and vexatious pretexts.

13thly. Because, it provides that Ship timber, Tar, Hemp, Sails, and Copper, shall be considered contraband of War, which articles are expressly stipulated to be free by the Treaties already subsisting between the United States and all other Nations with whom they are in compact.

14thly. Because, it surrenders all or most of the Benefits of a Commercial nature which we had a right to expect from our Neutrality in the present European War. —

15thly. Because, it precludes the hope of receiving any advantage from the modern Law of nations referred to in the PRESIDENTS Proclamation of Neutrality; adopted by most of the Nations of Europe in the last War, and to which we *then* acceded, and have since secured in our Treaties with all other Nations.

16thly. Because, it not only surrenders the right of carrying the property of any Nation at War with Great Britain in our Vessels freely, but abandons all pretentions even to the freight.

17thly. Because, it permits the British nation to convert provisions destined to other Nations at War with them, to their own use, on payment of what *they* may deem a reasonable profit; a measure, not only injurious to the interest of the American Merchant, but which will prevent our citizens from carrying American productions to other Countries, which by the Laws of Nature and Nations they have a right to do without molestation.

18thly. Because, it limits the Power of Congress delegated to them by the Constitution, — "To regulate our Commerce with foreign Nations," — by prescribing conditions, and creating impediments to the exercise of that Power.

[**490.**] 19thly. Because, it exposes the United States and their Commerce, to similar embarrassments from other Commercial nations, all of whom *probably* regulate our trade by this partial standard. —

and Lastly, — Because, in the opinion of the Inhabitants of this town, the Nature and Extent of the Exports of the United States are *such*, that in all their stipulations with foreign Nations, they have it in their power to secure a perfect reciprocity of intercourse not only with the home Dominions of such Nations, but with all their colonial dependences. —

It is further *Resolved*, that a Copy of the foregoing Proceedings, attested by the Town Clerk be immediately transmitted to the PRESIDENT of the United States, that they may be respectfully submitted to his consideration. — And we earnestly hope, and confidently rely, that his Prudence, Fortitude and Wisdom which have more than once been eminently instrumental in the salvation of his Country, will be equally conspicuous on the present occasion, and that the Reasons we have assigned, will have their influence to induce him to withhold his signature from the Ratification of this alarming Instrument.

The above report having been considered by Paragraphs — the Question was put. — " whether the same shall be accepted " — Passed in the Affirmative, — unanimously. —

Moved and Voted, that the Gentlemen the Selectmen, be requested to transmit the same to the President by express and that the Selectmen sign the Letter to be sent the President.

On motion Voted, That the thanks of this town be given to the Honble. Stephen Thompson Mason one of the Senators of the United States, for his patriotic conduct in publishing the late Commercial Treaty agreed to by M^r^. Jay, between the United States and the British Nation, thereby giving an opportunity for the Citizens to express their sentiments on this important and interesting occasion. — Also that the Town Clerk forward the same to M^r^. Mason by the post.

[**491.**] Voted, That the thanks of the town be given to Honble. Thos. Dawes Esqr. for his good services as Moderator.

Then the meeting was
dissolved.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Boston, in public Town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall on Monday the second day of Novr. A. D. 1795. — 10 °Clock A. M.

Warrant for calling the meeting — read.

Honble. Thomas Crafts Esqr.
was chosen Moderator by a hand Vote.

The Petition of Henry Jackson Esqr. and others, laid before the Town by order of the General Court — read — whereupon Voted, that

Honble. George R. Minot Esqr.
Honble. Thos. Dawes Esqr.

Dr. Townsend
Mr. Ebenr. Seaver
Mr. Treasurer Russell
be a Committee to take said Petition into consideration, and report at the adjournment.

The Article in the Warrant relative to the Common and Chapel Burying grounds — read — whereupon Voted, that
The Honble. Thos. Dawes Esqr.
The Honble. Geo. R. Minot Esqr.
Dr. Eustis
Nathl. Appleton Esqr.
[492.] Dr. Jarvis
Mr. Nathl. Balch
Honble. Willm Tudor Esqr.
be a Committee to report some suitable place or places of deposit for the Dead, in order that the Town may be enabled to discontinue the opening of any graves in the Common and Chapel Burying grounds.

The article in the warrant relative to the disposal of a small strip of salt marsh, on the neck, read, whereupon

Voted, that the Committee on Henry Jackson and others Petition, be a Committee to consider this article, and report thereon to the Town.

The other articles in the warrant referred over to the adjournment.

Adjourned to Friday next 10 °Clock A. M.

Friday, Novr. 6. 1795. — 10 OClock A. M. met according to adjournment.

Voted, on motion, that all matters unfinished be referred for consideration to the general town meeting of this day.

Then the meeting was
dissolved

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town, duly qualified and legally warned, in Public town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall, on Friday the 6th. day of November A. D. 1795. 10 O Clock A. M.

Warrant for calling the meeting — read.

[493.] The Honble. Thos. Crafts Esqr.
was chosen Moderator by a hand Vote. —

An attested Copy of the petition of Henry Jackson and others, praying for Liberty to erect a Dyke, or Causeway at the Southerly part of Boston, to extend to the northwesterly point of Land at Dorchester neck, which was referred to the Legislature of the Common-wealth at their last Sessions being read, together with the order of notification to this town, passed by the General Court thereon. —

Voted, that the Inhabitants have no cause to show why the Prayer of said Petition should not be granted, but on the contrary do approve of the said application, as embracing many general and public advantages.

On the article in the late warrant referred to this meeting, relative to disposing of a small strip of salt marsh. The Committee thereon report, that the same be referred to the Selectmen, in order that they may receive any proposals for the purchase of the strip of marsh Land therein mentioned, and lay the same before the Town at some future meeting. — which report was accepted.

The Committee appointed by the Town to consider the subject of the Burying grounds *at large*, and to report on Friday next, some suitable place of deposit for the Dead, in order that the Town may be enabled to discontinue the opening of Graves in the Common, and Chapel Burying grounds, report as follows: — The Committee having consulted the Physicians of the Town, find it to be their opinion that the Health of the Inhabitants is in danger from the crowded state of these Grounds, & the exhalations which must frequently arise from opening Graves therein. In addition to which they find it is almost impossible to open new [**494.**] Graves without disturbing the relicts of the Dead already interred. From an equal regard to Health and from a decent respect for both the living and the Dead, they recommend it to the Inhabitants to adopt the following measures.

1st. That no Graves or new Tombs shall be opened or built, in either the Common or Chapel burying Grounds, after the first day of May next.

2dly. As the South Burying grounds is already sufficiently large for the present accommodation of the Inhabitants and will admit of such enlargement, that the Selectmen be empowered to allot to any Inhabitant who may apply for the same, sufficient Ground for erecting a Tomb, in this Ground, and to enlarge the said South Burying Ground in a direction westerly whenever the public convenience shall in their judgment require it.

3d. Inasmuch as in remarkably inclement weather, it may be inconvenient for Funerals to proceed to the South Burying Ground, that the Selectmen cause to be erected under the Vestry room of the Stone Chapel, or in some other part of the Chapel burying ground, a Vault or Tomb suitable for a temporary deposit,

in which any of the Inhabitants, who may incline thereto, shall have a right to deposit the Bodies of their deceased Friends or relatives, for a term of time not exceeding twenty four hours, (unless in particular cases) by special permission of the Selectmen, until it may be convenient for them to remove such Bodies to the place of final interment, —
All which is submitted. — Thos. Dawes ℘ order.

The foregoing report having been read and consider'd, the Question was put, whether the same shall be accepted — passed in the affirmative. —

[**495.**] On the Petition of the Assessors for a further allowance, on account of the rise of provisions —

Voted Judge Tudor
Judge Minot
Mr. Edwards
be a Committee to take the Petition into consideration, and report thereon as soon as may be. —

The article in the warrant relative to the new street, read, whereupon Voted, that
Judge Tudor
Judge Minot
Dr. Eustis
Dr. Townsend
Majr. Thompson
be, and hereby are appointed a Committee to compromise the Business of laying out the new street from Atkinson street to Hutchinson street, as to the sums to be paid or recd. by the several Abutters, and that if said Committee cannot make such compromise before the first day of September next, that they make report thereof to the Selectmen, who are in such case directed to proceed as soon as may be, in Assessing the Damages by a Jury according to Law.

Article relative to the Petition for selling part of the Common — was read — together with the petition — read, and after some debate — Voted, that the Petitioners have leave to Withdraw their Petition. —

All matters unfinished referred over to the next Town meeting. —

Voted, that the thanks of the Town be given to the Honble. Thos. Crafts Esqr. for his good services as Moderator. —

Then the meeting was
dissolved.

[**496.**] At A meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and legally warned in public Town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall, on Monday the seventh day of December A. D. 1795. — 10 O Clock A. M. —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read.

Honble. Thos. Dawes Esqr.
was chosen Moderator by a hand Vote. —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw, and bring in their Votes for a Town Treasurer, and it was declared by the Selectmen that the Poll shall be closed at 12 O Clock. —

The Votes for a Town Treasurer in the room of M^r^. Joseph Russell, lately deceased, being brought in, counted and sorted, it appeared that the whole number was 968, and that
M^r^. Samuel Clap
was chosen by a great majority - - - - - - - - 686 Votes

Voted, that the Town Treasurer give Bond with sureties, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen in the penalty of £10000 for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. —

The Report of the Committee to whom was referr'd the Petition of the Assessors for an additional allowance in compensation for the rise of provisions &c. — was read — and after consideration

Voted, that an addition of thirty pounds be made to each of the Assessors former grants, as a compensation for their services, but not to be considered as a precedent in future. —

[**497.**] The Committee relative to the street lately Voted to be laid out between Hutchinson and Atkinson streets having reported, and the same duly consider'd by the Town, the Question was put, viz. — whether the said Report shall be accepted, — passed in the negative, it was then

Voted, That it is the opinion of the Town that the laying out the said new street be discontinued.

The Article in the Warrant viz. — whether the Town will sell a piece of Land, bounded on Pleasant street near the Rope walks; read — whereupon

Voted that the Honble: Thos. Dawes Esqr.
M^r^. Eben^r^. Seaver
Major May
be a Committee to consider this article and report at the adjournment.

The Article in the warrant vizt. — whether the Town will consider their late Vote respecting the removal of the Building called the Granary — read — whereupon Voted that

the Honble. Thos. Dawes Esqr.
Judge Minot
Saml. Brown Esqr.

be a Committee to consider this matter, and report thereon at the adjournment.

The article in the warrant relative to certain incroachments made by M^{r}. Jonas Welsh on the mill creek was read, — whereupon it was moved and Voted, that this matter be referred to the [**498.**] Gentlemen Selectmen to consider and act thereon as they may judge proper, as also with respect to any other incroachments on the Town's lands, which may come to their knowledge. —

Then the meeting was adjourned to Monday next, being the 14th. ins^{t}. — 10 °Clock A. M.

Monday 14th. December, 10 °Clock A. M. — met according to adjournment.

Voted, that Herman Brimmer Esqr.
Saml. Brown Esqr.
Joseph Russell Esqr.

be and hereby are appointed a Committee to examine the Books, and accounts of the late Treasurer M^{r}. Joseph Russell, and report the state thereof at the adjournment, the 28th. of December ins^{t}. —

The Article in the warrant relative to a further supply of the Treasury, was considered, — whereupon it was moved and Voted, that the further consideration of this matter be referred to the adjournment. —

The Committee appointed to consider the article in the warrant viz. — whether the Town will reconsider the late Vote respecting the removal of the Building called the Granary, — have attended that service, and report as their opinion that the Town reconsider the said Vote, and that they give order for the sale of the said Building at public Auction [to] be remov'd in a short time. — which is submitted

Thos. Dawes p^{r}. order.

The above report having been read. — the question was put, vizt. whether the report shall be accepted, — passed in the affirmative. —

[**499.**] The Committee appointed to consider the article in the warrant, — " Whether the Town will sell a piece of Land

bounded on Pleasant street, near the Rope walks, — have attended that service and are unanimously of the opinion that it will be very prejudicial to the Town to make sale of the said Land, — which is submitted. —

Thos. Dawes pr. order.

The aforegoing Report, after reading, was accepted by the Town.

The Selectmen laid before the Town the Proposals of a Committee of the Roxbury canal proprietors, for the purchase of a small piece of marsh on the neck, — whereupon

Voted, that this matter be referred to March meeting for consideration. —

This meeting adjourned to Monday the 28th. day of Decr. instt. — 10 °Clock A. M.

Monday December 28, 1795. met according to adjournment

The Committee for relief of Sufferers by the Fire in Boston July 30, 1794. — Reported to the Town by their Chairman James Sullivan Esqr. — the amount of money collected & to whom distributed; & the same being read, on motion Voted, — that the said report is approved by the town, & that their thanks be & hereby are given to the Committee on that Business for their good services therein; Memo. — this report is placed in the chest which contains other reports relative to Fires in this Town. —

[**500.**] The Committee for examining the late Town Treasurers accounts, & papers, reported, & have leave to report again, — at the adjournment of this meeting also

Voted, that the Town Treasurer be & he hereby is authorized & empower'd to borrow of either of the Banks or otherwise, a sum not exceeding 6000 Dollars, for the present supply of the Town Treasury, to be repaid out of the outstanding taxes, on or before the first day of May next.

Then the meeting was adjourned to Monday this day Month.—

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[Jan 25th.] Monday 10 °Clock, Met, according to adjournment,

Colo. Dawes, the Moderator of this meeting, being absent

Deacon William Boardman

was chosen Moderator P. T. by a Hand Vote.

The Town being informed by the Town Treasurer that the Committee appointed to examine the Books & Papers of the late Treasurer, would not be able to report until March meeting

Voted, That all matters unfinished be referred over unto next March meeting. —

Then the meeting was
dissolved.

[**501.**] At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified & legally warned, at Public Town meeting assembled at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the 9th. day of February A. D. 1796. — 10 °Clock A. M.

Warrant for calling meeting - - - - - read. —

Col°. Crafts
chosen Moderator of this meeting, by a hand Vote. —

The article in the Warrant, viz — "To take into consideration the petition of Robert Pierpont in behalf of himself & others, his associates, to the General Court of this Commonwealth, praying for an act of Incorporation, to enable them to build a Bridge from the lands at the bottom of the Common, or Pleasant street, in this town, to the lands owned by Mrs. Hannah Pierpont, in Roxbury, or to the point called Sewalls point, in Brookline" — was read, & after considerable debate had thereon,

It was moved, That a Committee be appointed to oppose the granting of the Prayer of the Petition & that the Representatives be instructed to assist therein. —

The Question being put passed in the negative. —

It was then moved, — That the following vote be passed, viz. — That the Town do not think proper to interfere, & that they have no objection to the Prayer of the Petitioner being granted.—

The Question being accordingly put passed in the affirmative.—

Then the meeting was
dissolved

[**502.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and legally warned in Public Town meeting, assembled at Faneuil — Hall, on Monday the 14 day of March, Anno Domini 1796. — 10 °Clock A. M. —

Prayer made by the Revd. Mr. Kirkland —

Warrant for calling meeting — read. —

Sundry Laws to be read at this meeting.
were accordingly read. —

The Hon. Thomas Crafts Esqr.
was chosen Moderator, by a hand Vote. —

The Inhabitants were then directed to withdraw, and bring in their Votes for a Town Clerk, and the same having been brought in and counted, it appeared that

William Cooper

was chosen Town Clerk for the year ensuing, and an oath of office was administered to him, by M^{r}. Justice Crafts. —

The Inhabitants were directed to withdraw, and bring in their Votes for nine Selectmen, and upon sorting them it appeared that the following Gentlemen. viz.

Ezekiel Price Esqr.
Thomas Walley
Deacon William Boardman
M^{r}. Ebenezer Sever
Thomas Crafts Esqr.
Thomas Edwards Esq.
William Little
David Tilden Esq.
Russell Sturgis Esq.

were chosen Select-men for the year ensuing. —

The Inhabitants having brought in their Votes [**503.**] for twelve overseers of the Poor, on counting and sorting the same, it appeared that

Edward Procter Esq.
John Sweetser Esq.
Jon^{a}. L. Austin Esq.
M^{r}. Edward Edes
Henry Hills Esqr.
John Codman Esq. resigned
M^{r}. William Smith
William Phillips jr. Esq.
Stephen Gorham Esq.
M^{r}. Oliver Brewster
Arnold Wells jr.
D^{r}. Redford Webster

were chosen Overseers of the Poor, for the year ensuing.

M^{r}. Samuel Clap

chosen Town Treasurer, for the year ensuing, by a unanimous Vote, and the oaths of Office administered to him by the Town Clerk. —

Voted that the Town-Treasurer give Bond, with Securities to

the Satisfaction of the Selectmen, in the Penalty of ten thousand Pounds, for the faithful discharge of the Duties of his office.

The Inhabitants, having as Directed, brought in their Votes, for Sixteen firewards, the same having been counted and sorted, it appeared that

John Winthrop Esq.
Thomas Melville Esq.
Jabez Hatch Esq.
Joseph Russell Jr. Esq.
Mr. Edward Edes
Amasa Davis Esq.
Samuel Parkman
[504.] Mr. Russell Sturgis
Henry Jackson Esq.
Capt. Mungo Mackey
Wm. Scolley Esquire
Wm. Little Esquire
Mr. James Tisdale
Joseph May Esquire
Capt. Robert Gardner
Majr. Andrew Cunningham

were chosen Firewards for the year ensuing.

Votes

for a County Treasurer of the County of Suffolk, bro't in and counted by the Moderator and Town-Clerk, when it appeared that the whole number was 288. of which 202 were for Mr. Samuel Clap, 81 for Mr. Benja. Hammett, and 5 for Mr. William Alline, all discreet, suitable Persons, being Freeholders & Residents in sd. County.

Votes

for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, brought in and counted by the Moderator and Town Clerk, when it appeared that the whole number was 398 — and all of them for Mr. William Alline, a discreet suitable Person, being a Freeholder and a Resident in said County;

Adjourned to 3 oClock P. M. —

3 o'Clock P. M. met according to Adjournment

John Codman Esq. having declined serving as an Overseer of the Poor. — He had the thanks of the Town for his good services in that Office for a number of years past.

[505.] On Motion, Voted that the choice of an overseer of the Poor in Mr. Codmans room be referred to the adjournt.

Messrs. Shubael Hewes
Benjamin Thomas
Samuel White
Enoch May
John Cade
John Bosson
Thomas Stevenson
Thomas Tenant
Amos Lewis
Benjamin Johnson
were chosen Constables for the year ensuing.

The Consideration of all Money matters referred to May Meeting.

Voted that in Addition to the Selectmen, twelve Persons shall now be chosen as a School Committee — And the Votes being brought in, counted and sorted — it appeared that the following Gentlemen were chosen, viz.

Hon. Thomas Dawes Esq.
Rev^{d}. Samuel West
Rev^{d}. John Lathrop D. D.
Jon^{a}. L. Austin Esq.
W^{m}. Tudor Esq.
D^{r}. Thomas Welch
Rev^{d}. Saml. Stillman D. D.
Hon. Geo. Richard Minot Esq.
D^{r}. David Townsend
D^{r}. Aaron Dexter
M^{r}. W^{m}. Smith
D^{r}. William Spooner

[**506.**] Voted that the above named Gentlemen, who conjunctly with the Selectmen, are termed the School-Committee, be and hereby are directed to carry the *new System of Education*, which has been adopted by the Town, into operation, and s^{d}. Committee are also authorized and impowered, *conjunctly* to manage and regulate the Officers and Government of the Schools, and in future to exercise all the Powers relating to the Schools, and School-Masters, which the Select-men, or such Committees are authorized by the Laws of the Commonwealth, or the Votes of the Town to exercise, any former Votes of the Town notwithstanding.

Voted that Herman Brimmer
Joseph Russell j^{r}.
Samuel Brown Esqr.
be, and hereby are appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Town Treasurer, and also the Accounts of the Select-men, and Over-Seers of the Poor, and said Committee are also directed to report the sum necessary to be raised, for the Services of the present year.

Voted that the Assessors be and hereby are directed to sit for such Abatements of Taxes as they shall judge reasonable, two days in each week; after the delivery of the Tax Books, to the Collectors for the space of six weeks, and no longer, saving they be allowed to sit the last week in February, Lord's day excepted, for the abatement of y^e^. Taxes of such Persons as had Not the opportunity of applying in the above limited time, by reason of their being out of this Com[**507.**]monwealth, or any other unavoidable hindrances, and that the Assessors determine on the said two days, which is to be noted on the Tax-bills. to be delivered the Inhabitants.

The Votes being brought in for 5 Assessors, it appeared that only the four following Gentlemen were chosen. viz.

Giles Harris Esqr.
Samuel Ruggles Esqr.
M^r^. John R. Sigorney
M^r^. Caleb Blanchard

Adjourned to to morrow, 10 o'Clock A. M.

Tuesday 10. o'Clock A. M. Met
according to Adjournment.

The Votes being brought in for one Assessor it appeared that,

M^r^. Thomas Hitchbourn

was chosen for the year ensuing.

W^m^. Tuder and Jonathan Loring Austin Esq^rs^. having each of them declined, serving in the School Com^ee^. they had each of them, the thanks of the Town, for their Good Services in that important trust, for some years past.

Voted that 5 P C^t^. be and hereby is allowed to the Collectors of Taxes for the year ensuing, for all such sums of money and public Securities, as they shall collect and pay into the [**508.**] several Treasurers of the sums committed to them to collect — Also that such Collectors shall give Bond with sufficient Sureties, to the satisfaction of the Select-men, for the faithful discharge of their Duty in said Office, and complying with this Vote, and that they will not receive any Premium or Gratuity, for discharging any Orders, Notes or Receipts from the Treasurer of this State or the Treasurer of this Town.

The Votes being brought in for four Collectors of Taxes, it appeared that

Benjamin Henderson
Messrs. Thomas Bayley
James Thompson
Benjamin Jepson

were chosen Collectors of Taxes, for the year ensuing.

Samuel Jones
Thomas Thompson
Amos Whitney
Messrs. Thomas Walley j^{r}.
William Turner
William Walter
David West
Joseph Foster
Charles Miller jr.
John F. Loring
Stoddard Capen
John Gore j^{r}.
were chosen Clerks of the Market, the ensuing year. —

[509.] Joshua Bentley
John Champney
Benjamin Page
John Cogswell
Benjamin White
Messrs Thomas Sherburn
James Blake
James Robins
Edmund Ranger
William Clouston
William Darricot
Nathl. Tidmarsh
were chosen Surveyors of Boards, Shingles, for the ensuing year. —

The Selectmen
were chosen Surveyors of highways for the year ensuing.

M^{r}. Abraham Adams
was chosen informer of Deer, for the year ensuing.

Benjamin White
Messrs Moses Ayers
Thomas Rice
were chosen fence Viewers for the year ensuing.

Thomas Bradley
David Holles
Messrs Matthew Loring
William Billings
were chosen Sealers of Leather, for the ensuing year

[510.] Jeffry Richardson
Messrs Isaac Davis
were chosen Surveyors of Hemp for the ensuing year.

Jirah Holbrook
Capt. Jos. Gleason

Messrs William Jennings
Thomas Boller [Bolter?]
Isaac Tuckerman
were chosen Sealers of Wood, for the ensuing year.

Edward Jones
Messrs Richard Housefall
Francis Booth
were chosen Haywards for the ensuing year.

George Connell
Messrs Daniel Bell
were chosen Hog-reeves for the ensuing year.

Joshua Weatherly
Messrs John Wells
were chosen Assay Masters, for the ensuing year.

Edward Tuckerman Esq.
M^r. Edward Edes
were chosen Surveyors of Wheat, for the ensuing year.

M^r. Edward Rumley
was chosen Inspector of Stone-Lime.

[511.] Roger Barlett
Messrs Joseph Doble
David Brace
were chosen Cullers of Dry Fish, for the year ensuing.

Joseph Loring
Thomas Barber
George Singleton
Edward Burt
Thomas Foster
William Parkman
Messrs John Bray
Henry Purkitt
Jonathan Cushing
James Barry
Hezekiah Hutson
Philip Hitchbourn
Joseph Whittemore
were chosen Cullers of Staves and Hoops, for the year ensuing.

The Petition of the Collectors, for an allowance on Account of the rise of Provisions was read — and committed to
Herman Brimmer
Joseph Russell
Samuel Brown Esq^rs
to consider and report thereon —

[**512.**] The Petition of James Thwing, relative to an allowance for a loss occasioned by the detention of land — read and committed to

Joseph Russell Esq.
William Tuder Esq.
Dr. Nathaniel Hall
John Sweetser Esq.
Mr. John Tilestone

to consider and report thereon.

The Petition relative to a ten feet Passageway — read and referred to the above Committee

The Article in the Warrant. viz. "that orders be taken to ascertain the right of the Town to the flatts in the several parts of the Town" — read and referred to the Select-men, to act thereon.

The Article relative to the North burying-ground — read and referred over to May Meeting.

On a Motion made by Colo. Dawes and seconded by Thomas Edwards Esquire —

Voted that the Town Clerk be, and he hereby is directed to cause the Act, passed 11th. February 1794. "entitled an act as containing what shall constitute a legal Settlement of any person in any Town or District within this Commonwealth, so as to enable him to a Support therein, in case he becomes poor and stands in need of Relief, and for [**513.**] repealing all Laws hitherto made, respecting such Settlements" — Also a Resolve passed Feby. 27th 1796, giving directions to the Overseers of the Poor and Select-men, relative to Paupers, to be wrote or printed, and put into a Frame & to be kept constantly hanging on the Selectmen's Room, and the Room inhabited by the keeper of the Alms-house and Work-house, in order to answer the purposes for which said *Act* and *Resolve* were passed, so far as it concerns the Town of Boston

Adjourned to Monday next, being the twenty first Inst. 10 o'Clock A. M.

Monday the 21, March, 10 o'Clock A. M. Met according to Adjournment.

Dr. Lothrop as one of the School Comee. having declined serving — received the thanks of the Town, for his good service, in that trust.

On Motion, Voted that the thanks of the Town be, and hereby

are given unto Col°. William Scolley, for his good Services, as a Select-man, a number of years past.

Mr. Thomas Perkins
had a majority of Votes, for an Overseer of the Poor, in the room of Mr. Codman, who has resigned that Office.

[**514.**] The Committee on the Petition relative to a ten feet Passage way, reported — whereupon it was moved and passed that the same be recommitted, to report at May meeting.

Mr. Arnold Wells jr.
Mr. Joseph Crocker
William Eustis Esq.
had a majority of Votes. brought in for three School Comee men, in the room of three others, who had resigned.

Benjamin Johnson excused by the Town from serving in the Office of Constable.

John Kenedy
Messrs. Jirah Holbrook
chosen Constables for the year ensuing.

Voted that all matters and things which shall remain unfinished, at this meeting, be referr'd over to the May Meeting.

The Committee appointed to examine the late Treasurer Russell's books and accounts, report that there appears by the books, to be due from the Town 13493 Dollars 8 Cents. 2 mills. to wit.

	To Aaron Blaney - -	£25.			
	Langdon's Heirs - - -	£548	,, 0	,, 11	
old Notes	Ezekiel Price Esq. - -	220	,, 15	,, 4	
	Benja. Parker - - - -	463	,, 5	—	
	Elizabeth Partridge - -	237	,, 12	,, 6	
[**515.**]	Jona. White - - - - -	202	,, 1	,, 8	
	Sarah Atkins - - - - -	300	—		
	Select-men - - - - -	369	—		
	Clough - - - - - - -	4			
old Notes					
	Edwd. Procter —	100			
	John White - - - - -	51	,, 6	,, 1	
	Benja. Waldo - - - -	800	—		
	Edward Procter - - -	210	—		
		3500	,, 2	,, 11	$11667.56

Unpaid on Select men's Drafts

July 1795.	Thomas Davis - -	£6	,, 9	,, 0
	Estate. John Gray -	32	,, 2	—

Thomas Dawes - -	9 —	
Widow Low - - -	4 ,, 10 —	
G[t]. Blanchard - -	8 —	
L. Clouston - - -	15 —	
S. V. Savage - -	12 —	
S. Dillaway - - -	7 ,, 10 —	
	£94 ,, 11 ,, 0	$315 ,, 16

October. Thomas Mayo
Estate of Jos. Russell late Treasurer —

There also appears due to the Town $11461 ,, 58 . 2 (c. m)

		c.	m.
viz. Town Powder - -	$1041	95	5
Geo. Makepeace -	549 ,, 32		
Andrew Tukesbury	134 ,, 32 —		
Ephraim Brown -	41 ,, 11 ,, 2		
Peirce & Wheeler -	12 ,, 50		
Amount of Int. paid in part. Int. due on Notes	287 ,, 13 ,, 1		

[516.]

For Rents — John Meriam - -	£9 ,, 0 ,, 0	
Jon[a]. Windship -	10 ,, 12 ,, 6	
Jesse Houghton -	4 —	
Amos Windship -	3 —	
Seba Hews - -	,, 12 —	
Jon[a]. Towle - -	1 ,, 4 —	
Elizabeth Boyer -	7 ,, 10 —	
M. Fessington - -	6 ,, 7 ,, 6	
	£42 ,, 6 —	$141.

From the Collectors

		c.	m.	
Tho[s]. Bayley - -	$2522	81	9	
Benj[a]. Henderson -	1755 ,, 90 ,, 9			
Benj[a]. Jepson - -	2551 ,, 2 ,, 9			
James Thompson -	2424 . 19 ,, 7			$9253 ,, 95 . 1
				$11461 . 58 . 2 (c. m.)

To which must be added —
Abatements on 1794 Tax —
Collector's Premiums
Interest due on Notes
Bad Debts —

The foregoing your Committee thinks is a true state of the Town's affairs — the last Tax is not entered in Mr. Russell's books — on the annexed sheet is the late Town Treasurer's general Account and a tryal ballance of his books — this Report is respectfully submitted —

Herman Brimmer
Boston March 12. 1796. Joseph Russell jr.
Samuel Brown

The foregoing Account having been read and considered — Voted that the same be accepted

Voted that the Thanks of the Town be and hereby is given to the Hon. Thomas Crafts Esqr. Moderator. for his good services — The meeting was dissolved —

[**517.**] At a Meeting of the Male Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, of twenty one years of age and upwards, qualified as the Constitution prescribes, and legally warned in public Town meeting, assembled at Faneuil Hall, on Monday the 4th. day of April, Anno Domini 1796 — 9 o'Clock A. M. —

Prayer by the Revd. Mr. West

Warrant for calling meeting read —

Paragraph of the Constitution or Frame of Government relative to the choice of Governor Lt. Governor & Senators — read —

It was then declared by the Selectmen, that no Vote would be received. but such as were unfolded, and that they propose the Poll shall be closed, at half past one O'Clock — the Votes to be received at the Table, and the Bells to begin tolling at one o'Clock.

Persons *Voted* for as *Governor*, with the number of *Votes* for each person.

		Votes
viz.	His Excellency Samuel Adams Esquire	1614
	Hon. Increase Sumner Esq.	848
	Mr. Sampson Reed	1
	Hon. Edward Robins	1

Persons Voted for as Lt. Governor, with the number of Votes, for each person — viz.

		Votes
	His Hon. Moses Gill Esq.	2431
[**518.**]	Honble. Thomas Russell Esqr.	3
	Mr. Adam Colson	1
	Hon. James Warren	2
	Hon. Elbridge Gerry Esq.	2
	Capt. Moses Wallack	1
	Hon. Nathaniel Gorham Esq.	1

Persons Voted for as Senators, for the County of Suffolk, with a number of Votes for each Person. viz.

Hon. Thomas Dawes Esq.	2404
Hon. Oliver Wendell Esq.	2380
Hon. Benj^{a}. Austin J^{r}. Esq.	1544
Hon. John C. Jones Esq.	949
W^{m}. Eustis Esq.	1513
Theophilus Cushing Esq.	937
Stephen Gorham Esq.	1
Charles Cushing Esq.	4
Jon^{a}. Mason Esq.	1
John Sweetser Esq.	2
Hon. James Bowdoin Esq.	1
Arnold Wells Esq.	2
Hon. Stephen Higginson Esq.	1
Capt. Lemuel Gardner	2
M^{r}. John Magnor	2
M^{r}. John Duggan	2
Hon. W^{m}. Tuder Esqr.	3
Samuel Brown Esq.	2
Thomas Edwards Esq.	1
Geo. Blake Esq.	1
Charles Jarvis Esq.	11

Attested Copies of the Persons voted for [for] Governor L^{t}. Governor and Senators for the County of Suffolk were [**519.**] committed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and in the Inclosure sealed up in Town-meeting — Subscribed as follows viz.

For John Avery Esqr.

Secretary for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The number of Votes of the Town of Boston for a Governor L^{t}. Governor & 4 Senators for the County of Suffolk certified within and sealed up in town meeting

Then the Meeting was dissolved.

[**520.**] At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, in public Town Meeting, Assembled at Faneuil Hall, on Monday the 25th day of April A. D. 1796 ten O'Clock A. M.

Warrant for calling meeting — read.

Hon. Thomas Dawes Esqr.

chosen Moderator by a hand Vote.

On Motion adjourned to old-South-Church the number being more than the Hall could hold

Met at old South-Church — when the Warrant for calling the Meeting was read, as also the Petition to the House of Representatives, say memorial in Congress, & after considerable debate, a Motion was made by Dr. Warren, that the question upon the memorial, be taken, and being called for from every quarter of the World — Another motion was made by Dr. Jarvis, that the Question be postponed till 4 oClock in the after-noon and be then taken up by yeas and nays, upon which, previous motion was then made, that the Question, be viz. Whether the Question upon the memorial be now taken, which was put, and passed in the affirmative by a very great majority — then the motion of Dr. Warren was put viz. that the Town do approve of the object and sentiments contained in the memorial [**521.**] which has been read and referred to in the Memorial, and now before them — which passed in the affirmative by a very great majority —

Then the Meeting was dissolved —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and legally warned in public Town meeting, assembled at Faneuil Hall, on Wednesday the 11th day of May, Anno Domini 1796 — 10 oClock A. M. —

Prayer was made by Revd. Dr. Stillman —

Warrant for calling the Meeting — read —

That part of the Constitution or Frame of Government which relates to the Choice of Representatives - - - read - - -

Sunday Laws to be read at said Meeting were accordingly, or parts of them read —

The Town having determined by a Vote to chose seven Representatives to Represent them in the General Court of Massachusetts, to be held in the State-house in Boston, on the last Wednesday of May Current agreeably to the Constitution or Frame of Government [**522.**] for Massachusetts — the Inhabitants were directed by the Select-men, to withdraw, and bring in their Votes for Seven Representatives, and then it was declared by the Select-men, that no Votes would be received, but such as are unfolded, & that they intend the Poll shall be closed at half past 1 o'Clock — the bell to begin tolling at one o'Clock.

The assessors to attend, at the Delivery of Votes —

The Votes being brought in for seven Representatives, the number of the same, were found to be 2103, and upon sorting them, it appeared that the following Seven Gentlemen had obtained a Majority of Votes — viz.

	Jonathan Mason Esq.	2053
	William Eustis Esq.	2067
	William Little Esq.	2068
	John Codman Esq.	1317
	Joseph Russell Esq.	1324
	Harrison Gray Otis Esq	1306
	Samuel Cooper Esq	1224
Votes of those not chosen		
	Thomas Edwards Esq.	798
	Perez Morton Esq.	765
	Thomas Crafts Esq.	751
	George Blake Esq.	767
	Arnold Wells	10
	John Duggan	11
	John Magnor	11
	William Smith	24
	Samuel Brown Esq.	19
[523.]	Samuel Parkman Esq.	2
	Aaron Dexter Esq.	2
	John C. Jones Esq.	4
	William Brown	3
	Jon^{a}. L. Austin	2
	Henry Jackson Esq.	1
	Nathl. Fellows	3
	Russell Sturgis Esq.	2
	Charles Jarvis Esq.	8
	Samuel Eliot	5
	Joseph Eaton	2
	Samuel Adams	2
	John Andrews	1
	John Warren Esq.	1
	John Sweetser Esq.	3
	Ebenezer Parsons	2
	William Parsons	6
	Stephen Higginson	5
	D^{r}. Welch	1
	Adam Colson	2
	David Green	2
	Stephen Gorham	2
	William Tuder Esq.	1
	Theodore Lyman	1
	Oliver Smith	1
	J. B. Sohier	1

Adjourned to 5 o'Clock P. M.

5 O'Clock P. M. met according to adjournment—

Hon. Thomas Crafts Esq.
chosen Moderator—

[**524.**] Col°. Crafts having excused himself from serving as Moderator —

Jonathan Mason Esq.
chosen Moderator by a hand Vote.

The Committee to audit Town Treasurer's acc^ts^ reported, which Report is to be taken up at the adjournment —

The Petition of Mrs Lois Clouston, "that the Town will make her further compensation for loss sustained by the fire in July 1794" read — as also the Petition of M^r^. James Tate of the like nature, whereupon,

Voted that M^r^. Jon^a^. L. Austin Esq.
Joseph May Esq.
Elisha Sigorney

be a Committee to consider these Petitions, and Report thereon to the Town as soon as may be —

The Petition of a number of the Inhabitants "that the Pump in Corn-hill may be removed to some more convenient place" read — whereupon

Voted, that this matter be referred to the Select-men, they to report thereon —

The article in the Warrant, viz. Whether the Town Treasurer shall be directed to call upon M^r^. George Makepeace for the sum he stands charged for on the [**525.**] town Treasurers books "— read, whereupon

Voted that Herman Brimmer Esq.
Jos. Russell Esq.
Samuel Brown Esq.

Committee to audit the Town Treasurer's Accounts, be a Committee to consider this matter, and Report thereon to the Town —

The Petition of a number of Inhabitants, relative to a large Building about to be erected with Wood, for a New-Theatre, read whereupon, Voted that D^r^. Welsh
Josiah Quincey Esq.
John Sweetser
M^r^. Eben^r^. Oliver
John Andrews Esqr.

be a Committee to consider this Petition, and report —

On Motion, Voted that the aforegoing Vote be reconsidered, and the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition. —

Adjourned to Friday next. the 13th.
Int. 10 o'Clock A. M. —

Friday the 13th of May Int. 10 o'Clock
A. M. met according to Adjourn^{t}.

The Votes being brought in for four Constables as required by the Moderator. on Acc^{t}. [**526.**] of the Resignation of those who had resign'd, the same being counted and sorted, the following Persons were chosen, viz.

Abraham Tuckerman
Benj^{a}. Thompson
Messrs. Samuel Dow
Joseph Ridgway

The Article in the Warrant, viz. Whether the Town will reconsider their late Vote for a Temporary Deposit for the dead" read,

whereupon it was Voted, that the Vote be so far reconsidered, as that the Select-men be directed to provide a temporary Deposit for the dead, in such part of the Common — burying Ground, as they shall judge proper. —

The article in the Warrant. viz. "Whether the Town will make sale of a piece of land, near fort-hill, adjoining the Land of Mrs Quincy" read, considered — and whereupon

Voted, that the Select-men be authorized, and they hereby are authorized & empowered to make sale of said peice of land, at public auction, on the most advantageous manner for the Town.—

The Report of the Committee to audit the Town Treasurer's Accounts again taken up, and after some debate thereon, the [**527.**] further consideration of the Report referred to the adjournment, and on Motion

Voted that Joseph Russell Esq.
Hon. James Bowdoin Esq.
William Eustis Esq.
be a Committee to consider some more efficacious mode of collecting the Tax for the future and to report at the adjournment. —

Adjourned to Friday next, being the
26. of May Inst. 10 o'Clock A. M.

Friday May 20th. 10 o'Clock A. M.
met according to adjournment.

Joseph Russell Esq.
chosen Moderator Pro-Tempo. by a hand Vote, in the Room of Jonathan Mason Esq. now out of Town.

Messrs Benj^a^. Thompson &
Joseph Ridgway
excused from serving in the office of Constable, to which they had been chosen.

The Committee on the article in the Warrant, viz. Whether the Town Treasurer shall be directed to call upon M^r^. Geo. Makepeace, for the sum he stands charged for on the Town Treasurer's Books — Reported, and after debate had thereon, it was voted that [**528.**] upon M^r^. Makepeace paying to the Town Treasurer, one half of the Money he stands indebted for, that the remaining half of said Debt be remitted him, and the Town Treasurer is authorized and empowered to give him a discharge for the same.

Moved and voted that the Reports on M^rs^. Clouston and M^r^. Tates Petition, M^r^. Thwings, and the Petition relative to ten feet passage way — be, together with any other matters remaining unfinished at this meeting, be referred over to the next General town meeting.

The Report on Collector's Petition, being not for making any further allowance, as pray'd for, was upon reading and consideration thereon, accepted by the Town.

The Committee Relative to a more efficacious mode of collecting Taxes — Reported, & after some debate, the same was recommitted.

The Report of the Committee appointed to audit the Town Treasurer's Accounts again taken up, considered and accepted by the Town, and the same is as follows. That they find the Accounts of the Town Treasurer well vouched and right cast. — that there was due to the Town, the 30th of April Ult — [**529.**] if the outstanding Debts would be collected exclusive of $17,382.70 appropriated for building a new alms-house $13,518.77c. 4m —

Your Committee are of opinion the following debts are doubtful when, if ever they will be received.

	c m	
Town's Powder	$1041.94.5	
Geo. Makepeace - - -	549.32	
Ephraim Brown	41.11.2	
Purez [Peirce] & Wheeler	12.50	
Account Int.	771.13.1	
Andrew Tukesbury	134.32	
Rents outstanding	84.	
	2634.32.8	
To this may be added for Abatements & premiums to Collectors on 1795 Tax	4000.	
		6634.32.8
		$6684.44.6

Which reduces the Balance due to the Town, which is deducted from the Current years expences below, and are as follows,

School Masters & Ushers	$9400.	The Selectmen's drafts from May 1795. to May 1796. am^{t}. to
repairing Schools, wood &^{c}.	800.	
watchmen, coal & candles	2700.	
Assessors pay & allowance	2700.	$34804.11.7 overseers — d^{o}.—
lighting lamps, oil &^{c}.	4000.	13811. 7.5
Town Clerk's Salary	666.	
Town Treasurer's	666.	$48615.19.2
Officer of Police	600.	
Messenger to Selectmen	300.	
Clerks of Market	33.	
Constables services	150.	
[530.] Interest on monies borrowed	1200.	
repairing clocks	50.	The balances due from the Collectors for 1795 tax on 30th. April.
premium to Engine men	50.	
printing	250.	
stationary	30.	Thos. Bayley $7957.10.
ringing bells	300.	Benj^{a}. Henderson 6753.30.
paving Streets	7000.	Benj^{a}. Jepson 9047.58.5
Incidental charges, visiting Schools &^{c}.	605.	Jas. Thompson 7552.96.
	$31,500.00	$31,310.94.5

Overseers for their Drafts - - - - - - - - - - - 15000.

The Committee respectfully submit the foregoing Report and annex a tryal ballance of the books, with the Treasurer's general account — and further recommend that the Town lay a Tax of $60,000 to defray the aforegoing expences and discharge the Town's old debts. —

As it appears to your Committee that it can never be done at any period, with more ease to the Citizens than the present.

Joseph Russell
Samuel Brown

In pursuance of the aforegoing Report it was Voted that the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars be raised by a Tax to be assessed on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town. to defray the expences of the current year.

Voted, that the sum of six hundred 66 Dollars be allowed and paid unto Samuel Clap, for his services as Town Treasurer the present year, the same to be paid him in quarterly payments, as it shall become due, and to commence the 1st. March last.

Voted, that the sum of six hundred sixty six Dollars, be allowed, and paid unto William Cooper, for his Services as Town Clerk, the present year, the same to be paid him quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence the first of March last.

[**531.**] Voted that the sum of four hundred thirty three Dollars, be allowed each of the assessors for their respective Services, the present year, the same to be paid them quarterly as it shall become due, and to commence the 1st of March last.

Voted that the sum of six hundred Dollars, be allowed and paid unto Josiah Waters, for his Services, as Officer of the Police the present year, to be paid him quarterly, as it shall become due.

Matters unfinished having been referred over to the next general Town meeting —

The Meeting was dissolved

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